Minutes

of the

Twenty-second Annual Convention

of the

Lutheran Brotherhood

of the

Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Nebraska

of the

United Lutheran Church in America

First Lutheran Church

YORK, NEBRASKA

May 9, 1939

MINUTES OF THE 22ND ANNUAL CONVENTION OF THE MEN'S BROTHERHOOD OF THE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN SYNOD OF STATE OF NEBRASKA HELD AT YORK, NEBRASKA MAY 9, 1939

The opening session was in charge of Pres. Wm. F. Kedde of Omaha and was held at 4:00 P. M. in the First Lutheran Church.

The devotional service was led by Rev. E. F. Rohlfing of Broadwater, Nebr. A short address of welcome was given by the pastor loci, Rev. B. Simon. Pres. Kedde then appointed as a Committee on Nominations:

Rev. Fred Wiegman, Fremont, Chairman.
Brother Milton Nelson, Benedict
Brother O. L. Sturtevant, Lincoln.

As committee on resolutions he appointed:
Brother Fred Miller, South Sioux City,
Rev. Herman Joens, Hampton,
Brother W. A. Heuer, Omaha, St. Luke's.

As committee on president's report:
Brother Anton Manser, West Point,
Brother H. Dohrman, Emerson,
Dr. G. K. Rubrecht, North Platte.

The report of the president was then read by Pres. Wm. F. Kedde. This was followed by greetings from Synod by Dr. Hershey of Fremont. Then, answering to roll call, the delegates from the Brotherhoods of the state gave very encouraging reports of their work, also reports were received from the Brotherhoods of the Midwest Synod at Hastings and Ohiowa, of whom several members and their pastors were present. The minutes of the last meeting were read by the Secretary A. W. Augustine and on motion were approved.

Our Treasurer Brother V. M. Spirk not being present, his annual report was read by the secretary and accepted.

As no action was taken in regard to our next meeting it was announced that it would be held in connection with the next annual meeting of our Nebraska Synod.

The officers then elected for the ensuing year were:
President, Brother Wm. F. Kedde, Omaha.
Vice President, Brother W. C. Sund, South Sioux City.
Secretary, Brother D. W. Tyrrell, Lincoln.
Treasurer, Brother H. L. Wochner, York.

At this time a bill for expenses of stencils, paper and copies of the brotherhood song was presented by Wm. F. Kedde and was allowed. With the use of our Lord's Prayer the meeting adjourned to meet in a Fellowship Banquet.

At the close of this banquet an address by Brother J. K. Jensen of Janesville, Wisconsin, was listened to with interest.

Rev. Joens of Hampton then read the following report of the Committee on Resolutions. Be it resolved:

(1) That our president's recommendations be adopted,
(2) That the recommendations of Mr. Manser, that the president's report be printed, be adopted,
(3) That we express our appreciation to Brother Simon and the people of the First Lutheran Church for inviting the Brotherhood to hold their convention here.
(4) That we thank the Ladies of the Church for the splendid banquet.
(5) That we express our appreciation to the Presbyterian Congregation for so generously offering their room and facilities for the banquet and program.
(6) That we thank the speaker of the evening, Mr. J. K. Jensen, for the splendid and inspiring message.
(7) That we thank Mrs. Simon for the beautiful piano solo, and

those who sang so beautifully for our entertainment and inspiration.

(8) That we thank our president and other officers of our Brotherhood for services so faithfully rendered.

Respectfully submitted: The Committee, Fred Miller, Herman Joens, W. A. Heuer.

A motion was made and seconded that we adopt the report of the committee as a whole. This motion prevailed.

It was moved, seconded and carried that the Brotherhood pay the expense of printing the report of the president.

It was moved and seconded that we do not hold the usual banquet at The Midland Assembly this year. This motion was carried.

The meeting then adjourned with a song followed by a prayer by Rev. E. C. Mortensen of Benedict.

A. W. Augustine, Secretary.

PRESIDENT'S ANNUAL REPORT 1938-1939

To the Officers and Members of the Brotherhood of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Nebraska:

We are gathered here in York, Nebraska, for the twenty-second annual convention of our Nebraska Synodical Brotherhood. Many are the experiences which have come to us since we met on July 1st, 1938, in Salem Lutheran Church, Fremont, Nebraska, and while giving this report to you, it is done with feeling of thanks to our Lord and Master, and for the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

Upon our re-election, requested the members who had served on the different committees and Executive Board to help again, as they had done the previous year, they accepted, and our thanks to every one for their co-operation.

While we cannot report much progress in increasing the number of Brotherhoods in our Synod, nor a great increase in the membership to our Local Brotherhoods, we know that Spiritually we have gone forward as the men of our Church do feel their responsibility to their Church and the Head of the Church our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

September 5, was in Ericson, to speak to the men of our Church, however through some misunderstanding only a few were there.

September 20, being invited to speak in the meeting of Grace Church Brotherhood at Lincoln, found besides their own members, men of adjoining churches served by Rev. R. E. Rangeler, in the discussion, the question of using "Lutheran Men" topics for the devotional part of the meeting was brought up, and they decided to start this part the beginning of the year.

October 2-4, Dr. J. C. Hershey, Dr. P. W. H. Frederick and myself were your delegates to the Convention of the U. L. C. A. Brotherhood, held in the Lord Baltimore Hotel, Baltimore, Maryland.

Many were the thoughts for closer co-operation and co-ordination between the Synodical Brotherhoods, and through these organizations with the local Brotherhoods in each state. Your president had to give a short report of the work of our Nebraska Synodical Brotherhood, and will give you this report at the close of this annual report. One thing was very striking in the report of the Executive Secretary, Mr. Earle W. Bader, and may I quote to you that part of his report.

> "The program of the Lutheran Brotherhood has been advanced and expanded to include hitherto untouched groups and territories, and it is with a great deal of satisfaction that we report these pertinent facts:
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> That three additional Synodical Brotherhoods—(Georgia-Alabama-Nebraska-West Penna.) have been established during the biennium, making a total of 27 such organizations in the U. L. C. A. A new synodical Brotherhood will be organized in the Michigan Synod on the occasion of a mass meeting to be held in Trinity Church, Ann Arbor, on Reformation Sunday afternoon."

The present membership of this our National Brotherhood has reached nearly the 70,000 mark, and with the help of God it will go on until a large percentage of our Lutheran men will be a member of the Brotherhood.

In connection with this may we say that as soon as we received word that the delegates to the U. L. C. A. convention had voted in favor of having the 1940 convention in Omaha, we got in touch with Mr. Bader, to arrange for having also the 1940 U. L. C. A. Brotherhood convention in Omaha, which was favorably received. Up to the present time no definite answer has been made if the convention will meet in Nebraska, due to the report that Omaha did not have the facilities to take care of the convention.

October 16, being Brotherhood Sunday, spoke to the men and congregation about our Brotherhood convention. This was at Benedict.

October 26, the Northwestern Conference of our Synod met in Broadwater, a meeting was arranged for the evening to be in the form of a Brotherhood banquet, to which men and their wives came from the neighboring towns. Gave some highlights of the Brotherhood convention, and was promised by several of the Pastors that they would also try to start an organization in their congregation.

October 30, was with the men in Wilber, however the prospects for a Brotherhood was still very small at this time.

October 31, the Brotherhood of St. Luke's Church in South Omaha, had invited the Brotherhoods of the other congregations to meet with them that evening. A goodly number of the men of Our Redeemer, Omaha, responded, and spoke to them about the convention in Baltimore.

November 6, went to Columbus and brought the subject of a Brotherhood to the men of this congregation, hoping and praying they will organize.

March 9, the Brotherhood in South Sioux City, invited the Brotherhoods of the nearby towns to be with them in a district meeting. They came from Emerson, Salem-Dakota City, Hubbard, and Homer. Brotherhood work was our topic, and in the discussion, it was brought out: "What is a model Brotherhood," giving us all something to think about.

March 19, a special meeting was called by the Brotherhood of Salem Church, Fremont; several men from Fontenelle were present. Brotherhood work and the objectives were spoke about, having a good discussion afterwards.

March 21, Grace Church Brotherhood in Lincoln invited me to be present to meet their new pastor, Dr. Leland H. Lesler, and also see and hear the new program in their meetings, as was suggested in our meeting with them on September 20. Congratulations are due to the officers and members of this Brotherhood for making the change and giving the members and visitors something to think and talk about.

April 18, was in York, and spoke to the Brotherhood in regards to our coming convention, and personally was shown by the Pastor, Rev. Simon, the work this young organization had done in beautifying the Church.

Wrote a condensed report to our Nebraska Synod, which will be a part of their annual minutes.

Several times and at different places during the year just past, the officers of the State Brotherhood have come together to discuss the problems which confronted us, with the help of God and through His Grace these obstacles were overcome or could be laid aside without any difficulty.

There are several large congregations in our Synod which have no Brotherhood, we find it is somewhat due to the Pastors of these congregations not being sold to the calling and objectives of Brotherhood work. May the Lord grant us strength and wisdom to overcome the personal feelings of these pastors, so we may build up and organize an organization in each congregation.

Wish to express my thanks and gratitude, to the officers of our

State Brotherhood, for their help in making it a successful year. Also to the Pastors and officers of the local Brotherhoods for their co-operation in making it possible for me to be with them. Let us all pray and praise Our Heavenly Father for His goodness and mercy in giving us all a part in the work of His Kingdom, in leading men to Jesus Christ Our Lord and Saviour.

May I make the following recommendations to be considered by you in this meeting.

First—The U. L. C. A. Brotherhood have added to their objectives a new objective which reads: "Meet the obligations of the whole Church," wherein we as Brotherhoods must as an auxiliary of the Church at large support all the programs outlined by the Church.

Therefore wish to recommend the adoption of this sixth objective by our Synodical and Local Brotherhoods.

Second—The Constitution and By-Laws do not specify, that an officer of the Nebraska Synodical Brotherhood should be a member of a Brotherhood affiliated with this body.

Wish to recommend that we make following recommendation a standing rule in our State Brotherhood or addition to Article IV of our Constitution and By-Laws:

> No officer nor a member of the Executive committee can be elected to office, if he is not a member of a Brotherhood or Men's organization affiliated with the Nebraska Synodical Brotherhood.

Third—In order to have representation from the different sections of the State in the Executive committee, wish to recommend with the second recommendation:

> Not more than one officer or member of the Executive committee shall be elected who are members of the same Brotherhood or living in the same city or county.

Fourth—Wish to recommend that plans be made for the 1940 convention of the U. L. C. A. Brotherhood, if same should be held in Omaha, and the Executive committee be given full power to act accordingly.

This report and recommendations are given for your earnest consideration.

May the Lord who has blessed us in the years gone, give us Grace and Strength that we, by the guidance of the Holy Spirit, go forward to be a blessing, to help bring men through our Brotherhood into the Church, and through the Church to Our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

Yours in the Master's Service,

Wm. F. Kedde, President.

REPORT OF TREASURER OF NEBRASKA STATE BROTHERHOOD U. L. C.

Receipts

Balance on hand May 20th	$ 24.08
Redeemer, Omaha, July 10th, 1938	5.00
Salem, Fremont, July 28th	5.00
Collection for Konrock August 5th	14.80
St. Luke's, Omaha, December 30th	10.00
Grace, West Point, February 3rd, 1939	12.50
Messiah, Broadwater, February 12th	10.00
St. Luke's, Emerson, February 24th	10.00
Grace, Lincoln, February 24th	10.00
Trit. Evan., So. Sioux City, March 6th	10.00
Redeemer, Omaha, April	10.00
Salem, Fremont, April	12.50
Total	$133.88

Disbursements

July 30th, Augustine Postage	$ 1.00
Aug. 5th, Bader, dues	5.00

Aug. 5th, Konnarock	14.80
Aug. 5th, Kedde	4.00
Aug. 30th, Kedde	3.00
Feb. 23rd, Bader, dues	18.00
Mar. 20th, Bader, dues	16.50
April, Bader, dues	13.00
Total	$ 75.30
Total received	$133.88
Total disbursed	75.30
Balance on hand May 7th	$ 58.58

V. M. Spirk, Treasurer.

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The Evangelical Lutheran Synod of NEBRASKA

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The 68th Annual Convention

May 20, 21, 22, 1940

HELD IN ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH
Grand Island, Nebraska
THE REV. C. B. HARMAN, D. D., PASTOR

The Lutheran Brotherhood

The 23rd Annual Convention
May 20, 1940

Perkins Printing & Stationery Co., Fremont, Nebr.

DIRECTORY

OFFICERS

President (1940-43) Rev. J. C. Hershey, D. D., 350 W. 5th St., Fremont.

Vice-President (1940-41) Rev. C. B. Harman, D. D., 503 W. 2nd St., Grand Island.

Secretary (1940-41) Rev. T. D. Rinde, D. D., 312 E. 8th St., Fremont.

Treasurer (1940-41) Mr. F. E. Wood, 736 E. Military Ave., Fremont.

Statistician (1940-41) Rev. W. H. Saas, 214 N. 9th St., Beatrice.

Historian (1940-41) Rev. G. K. Rubrecht, D. D., 311 W. 5th St., North Platte.

STANDING COMMITTEES

Executive

The President of Synod.....1940-43
The Secretary of Synod.....1940-41
Rev. W. H. Traub, D. D., LL. D., 2602 Farnam, Omaha.....1938-41
Mr. W. A. Heuer, Bellevue Blvd., Rt. 5, Omaha.....1938-41
Mr. A. E. Hecker, Hooper.....1939-42
Rev. W. A. Voss, 2875 Vane, Omaha.....1940-43
Mr. Gus Prestegaard, 1944 Harwood, Lincoln.....1940-43

Examining

Rev. H. Dumler.....1938-41
Rev. R. V. Davis.....1938-41
Rev. W. H. Saas.....1938-41
Rev. W. T. Kahse.....1939-42
Rev. G. N. Mendenhall....1939-42
Rev. G. E. Moeller.....1940-43
Rev. A. H. Pinkall.....1940-43

Ministerial Education

Rev. C. B. Harman, Rev. E. C. Mortensen, Rev. H. Dumler, Rev. W. C. Heidenreich, Rev. H. C. Cordts

Missionary

President J. C. Hershey and Secretary T. D. Rinde, ex-officio
Rev. L. H. Lesher, Rev. A. H. Pinkall, Rev. P. W. H. Frederick
Mr. Otto Nelson, Mr. H. W. Ockerby, Mr. S. A. Wassum

New Congregations and Pastoral Charges

Rev. W. A. Klink.....1938-41
Rev. V. Baird.....1939-42
Rev. W. W. Alexander....1940-43

Parish Education

Rev. W. H. Saas (Con.)...1940-43
Mrs. Geo. H. Haase.....1938-41
Mr. E. G. Miller.....1938-41
Rev. E. F. Rohlfing.....1939-42
Rev. W. W. Alexander....1939-42
Rev. R. E. Rangeler.....1940-43

Protocol

Rev. L. H. deFreese, Rev. S. Frederick, Rev. G. A. Saathoff

Reference and Counsel

Rev. J. C. Miller, Rev. W. C. Stump, Rev. C. J. Naugle

State of the Church

Rev. R. V. Davis, Rev. W. T. Kahse, Rev. E. A. Dorner
Rev. H. Joens, Rev. J. S. Rhine, Rev. C. H. Kemper

Stewardship

Rev. G. P. Krebs, Rev. L. H. Lesher
Mr. F. E. Wood, Mr. P. H. Palmquist, Mr. W. W. Kuenning

Synodical Paper

President of Synod and Conference Presidents.

Trustees of Midland College

Rev. W. A. Klink.....1938-41
Rev. E. C. Mortensen.....1939-42
Rev. A. H. Pinkall.....1940-43
Mr. A. T. Yost.....1938-41
Mr. Paul Palmquist.....1939-42
Mr. Gus Prestegaard.....1940-43

Trustees of Tabitha Home

Rev. R. E. Rangeler.....1939-41 Mr. Wm. Tegtmeyer.....1939-41

SPECIAL COMMITTEES

Adjudication

Rev. W. H. Traub Rev. W. A. Voss Mr. Gus Prestegaard

Church Music

Rev. G. Gieschen Rev. R. E. Rangeler Rev. S. Frederick
Prof. Oscar Lyders

Election Chairman

Rev. M. B. Simon

Social Missions

Rev. A. O. Frank Rev. H. Dumler Rev. E. N. Haugse
Rev. H. J. Goede Mr. Wm. Tegtmeyer Mr. O. L. Sturtevant

Foreign Missions

Rev. F. W. Henkel Rev. T. J. C. Schuldt Rev. C. M. N. Alexander
Mr. Herman Stelk Rev. F. L. Cress

Inter-Synodical Joint Committee on Missions

Rev. J. C. Hershey Rev. T. D. Rinde Mr. Otto Nelson

Merger Committee

Rev. J. C. Hershey Rev. T. D. Rinde Mr. Otto Nelson

Ministerial Pensions

Rev. F. S. Delo Rev. W. C. Stump
Rev. G. K. Rubrecht

Students in Non-Lutheran Schools

Rev. R. E. Rangeler Rev. G. Gieschen Rev. F. W. Henkel
Rev. M. M. Smeal

Young People

Rev. C. H. Berhenke Rev. W. S. Livers Rev. A. L. Mendenhall
Rev. C. J. Naugle Rev. Paul Wiegman Rev. H. M. Henriksen

1940 Appeal for Tabitha Home

Rev. T. J. C. Schuldt Rev. W. A. Klink Rev. E. N. Haugse

Promoting Subscriptions to 'The Lutheran'

Rev. F. S. Delo Rev. H. Dumler Rev. M. B. Simon

Reporter to 'The Lutheran'

Rev. A. O. Frank

Midland Assembly Board

Presidents of Synod, Women's Missionary Society, Lutheran Brotherhood, Luther League of Nebraska, Midland College, and Chairman of Parish Education Committee and Young People's Committee, ex-officio.
Mrs. Geo. H. Haase and Rev. E. C. Mortensen.....1937-40
Mr. F. E. Wood and Rev. T. D. Rinde.....1938-41
Mrs. O. L. Sturtevant and Rev. G. K. Rubrecht.....1939-42

DELEGATES TO U. L. C. A. CONVENTION, 1940

Clerical: Rev. J. C. Hershey, Rev. G. K. Rubrecht, Rev. C. B. Harman, Rev. L. H. Lesher and Rev. W. H. Saas.

Alternate-Clerical: Rev. E. C. Mortensen, Rev. G. E. Moeller, Rev. L. H. deFreese, Rev. T. J. C. Schuldt and Rev. P. W. H. Frederick.

Lay: Mr. E. T. Tramp, Mr. F. E. Wood, Mr. E. W. Augustine, Mr. W. F. Kedde, Mr. A. J. Manser.

Lay-Alternate: Mr. G. Prestegaard, Mr. P. Seymour, Mr. O. Bowers, Mr. L. Hopfer, Mr. T. Lipps.

CALENDAR FOR 1941

The 69th Annual Convention will be held in Grace Lutheran Church, Hooper, Nebraska, Rev. W. W. Alexander, pastor, April 28, 29, 30, 1941.

Synodical Sermon by the President of Synod.

Ordination Sermon, Rev. T. D. Rinde; Alternate, Rev. W. A. Klink.

Chorister, Rev. G. Gieschen.

Chaplain, Rev. H. C. Cordts; Alternate, Rev. J. C. Miller.

ROLL OF SYNOD

	Pastor	Address	Year Ord.	Ent. Synod	Parish	Delegate
1.	Alexander, C. M. N.,	Scribner	1936	1936	United, Scribner	Wm. Low**
					Emmanuel, Snyder	W. Ellerman**
2.	Alexander, W. W.,	Hooper	1935	1934	Grace, Hooper	John Wollmer***
					St. John's, Vacoma	Fred Petersen***
3.	Baird, V.,	Rising City	1938	1937	First, Rising City	Floyd Want
* 4.	Baltzly, O. D., Ph. D., D. D., LL. D.,	2602 Farnam Omaha	1896	1911	Pastor Emeritus, Kountze Memorial, Omaha	
5.	Berhenke, C. H.,	2544 N. 61 St., Omaha	1935	1935	First, Omaha	George Wood**
** 6.	Chittenden, W. J.,	York	1936	1936		
7.	Cordts, H. C.,	304 W. 20th, Falls City	1926	1925	St. Paul's, Falls City	Louis Meinzer
8.	Cress, F. L.,	Allen	1928	1936	First, Allen	
*** 9.	Davis, R. V.,	Paxton	1930	1929	Trinity, Paxton	Fred Crook**
					Grace, Sutherland	
**10.	Daubenspeck, W. M.,	Leavenworth, Kansas	1929	1929	C. C. C. Chaplain	
11.	de Freese, L. H.,	South Sioux City	1936	1935	First, South Sioux City	Earl Berggren
12.	Delo, F. S.,	Hardy	1894	1938	St. Paul's, Hardy	Arnold Hansen**
13.	Dorner, E. A.,	Columbus	1929	1929	United, Columbus	Max Mattison****
14.	Dumler, H.,	Davenport	1926	1925	Christ's, Davenport	Glenn Keim****
15.	Estrada, D.,	South America	1931	1931	Missionary	
16.	Flora, G. R.,	Liberia, Africa	1936	1935	Missionary	
17.	Frank, A. O., D. D.,	325 E. 10th, Fremont	1923	1940	Salem, Fremont	Henry Tank
18.	Frederick, P. W. H., D. D.,	1653 N. Colson, Fremont	1900	1931	Professor in Western Seminary	
19.	Frederick, S.,	Hubbard	1937	1937	Homer-Hubbard	Louis Jepessen
20.	Gieschen, G.,	Wayne	1922	1934	St. Paul's, Wayne	O. G. Nelson
†**21.	Gilmer, E. H.,	New Cambria, Kansas	1912	1932		
****22.	Goede, H. J.,	1503 S. 25th, Omaha	1930	1938	Grace, Omaha	J. F. Smith**
*23.	Guss, W. I., D. D.,	127 N. 40th, Omaha	1899	1919	Missionary for Board American Missions	
24.	Harman, C. B., D. D.,	503 W. 2nd, Grand Island	1900	1909	St. Paul's, Grand Island	A. F. Buechler
25.	Haugse, E. N.,	Wolbach	1935	1935	Trinity, Wolbach	A. C. Larson**
					First, Ericson	J. A. Johnson**
26.	Heidenreich, W. C.,	Oshkosh	1906	1928	St. Mark's, Oshkosh	R. A. Quelle*
					Grace, Lewellen	Wm. Rohlfing*
27.	Henkel, F. W.,	Auburn	1926	1938	St. Paul's, Auburn	Alfred Rogge
28.	Henriksen, H. M.,	Stamford	1935	1935	Trinity, Stamford	C. Tams**
29.	Hershey, J. C., D. D.,	350 W. 5th St., Fremont	1917	1917	President of Synod	
30.	Holz, G. C. H.,	Buenos Aires, South America	1931	1931	Missionary	
**31.	Joens, H.,	Tabitha Home, Lincoln	1929	1929	Superintendent of Boys	
***32.	Kahse, W. T., D. D.,	P. O. Box 123, Sidney	1905	1912	Sidney-Potter	M. Christensen**
†††33.	Keller, S. L.,	Fremont	1888	1910	Retired	
***34.	Kemper, C. H.,	Hildreth	1927	1926	St Paul's, Hildreth	John Wilken**

35.	Klink, W. A., West Point	1917	1917	Grace, West Point	W. J. Fegley
*36.	Krebs, G. P., Emerson	1934	1937	St. Luke's, Emerson	H. Wriedt**
37.	Leamer, J. S., D. D., 3009 17th, Columbus	1895	1940	Retired	
38.	Lesher, L. H., D. D., 847 S. 14th, Lincoln	1921	1939	Grace, Lincoln	O. L. Sturtevant
†††39.	Lewis, C. H. B., D. D., 748 E. Military, Fremont	1904	1925	Field Secretary of Parish and Church School Board	
40.	Livers, W. S., Ponca	1932	1932	Salem, Ponca	Wm. Wendte**
41.	Machetzki, P. O., D. D., British Guiana, South America	1915	1914	Missionary	
42.	Magalee, P. A., British Guiana, South America	1938	1938	Missionary	
43.	Mendenhall, A. L., Spencer	1937	1936	United, Spencer	T. Broderson**
44.	Mendenhall, G. N., Ph. D., D. D., Sterling, Kansas	1908	1922	Professor	
45.	Miller, J. C., Verdon	1915	1928	St. Mark's, Verdon	H. Guilliams
				Trinity, Stella	E. Nombalais**
46.	Moeller, G. E., 5016 Ohio St., Omaha	1932	1932	Luther Memorial, Omaha	W. H. Seibert
47.	Mortensen, E. C., Benedict	1920	1920	Zion, Benedict	W. Seymour
*48.	Mortensen, G. E., Box 208, Little Rock, Arkansas	1920	1920	C. C. C. Chaplain	
49.	Naugle, C. J., 2602 Farnam, Omaha	1938	1938	Assistant at Kountze Memorial, Omaha	
50.	Pinkall, A. H., 4520 S. 16th, Omaha	1930	1930	St. Luke's, Omaha	W. A. Heuer
51.	Rangeler, R. E., 3935 E. Randolph, Lincoln	1919	1921	St. James', Lincoln	John Kunkel
				Eagle-Walton	Geo. Winkler**
***52.	Rhine, J. S., Gurley	1933	1933	Gurley-Dalton	Earl Lessig
53.	Rinde, T. D., D. D., 312 E. 8th, Fremont	1924	1927	Professor in Western Seminary	
54.	Rohlfing, E. F., Broadwater	1935	1934	Messiah, Broadwater	A. Lindquist
55.	Rubrecht, G. K., D. D., 311 W. 5th, North Platte	1905	1923	First, North Platte	Wm. Hendy
56.	Saas, W. H., 214 N. 9th, Beatrice	1925	1924	Trinity, Beatrice	C. R. Lambert**
57.	Saathoff, G. A., Dakota City	1939	1939	Salem, Dakota City	M. G. Leamer**
58.	Schuldt, T. J. C., 406 S. 9th, Nebraska City	1936	1936	First, Nebraska City	Geo. C. Eicher**
***59.	Simon, M. B., 809 Grant, York	1937	1936	First, York	Fred Conant
				First, McCool Junction	O. Weidman**
60.	Smeal, M. M., 2602 Farnam, Omaha	1938	1939	Assistant at Kountze Memorial, Omaha	
61.	Stump, W. C., 2031 N. 20th, Omaha	1916	1930	St. Mark's Omaha	C. H. Puls
†††62.	Tranberg, C. P., 8125 S. Cottage Grove, Chicago	1913	1930		
63.	Traub, W. H., D. D., LL. D., 2602 Farnam, Omaha	1913	1931	Kountze Memorial, Omaha	W. Johnson**
64.	Voss, W. A., 2875 Vane, Omaha	1925	1934	Our Redeemer, Omaha	W. F. Kedde
****65.	Wiegman, F. C., D. D., Midland College, Fremont	1927	1927	President of Midland College	
***66.	Wiegman, P., Tekamah	1940	1940	Emmanuel, Tekamah	
67.	Wood, E. G., Chirala, Guntur District, India	1929	1929	Missionary	
68.	Girstad, K., (Licentiate), Hampton			Emmanuel, Hampton	
69.	Delegate-at-Large from North Platte Conference				A. J. Manser
70.	Delegate-at-Large from South Platte Conference				L. J. Saylor
	Vacant			Emmanuel, Dakota City	
	Vacant			First, Wilber	
	Motzkus, W., Leigh (Received since Synod)	1913	1940	St. John's, Leigh	R. B. Jenny

*Absent and excused
**Absent and not excused
***Absent part time and excused
****Absent part time and not excused
†Now dismissed to Synod of Kansas and Adjacent States
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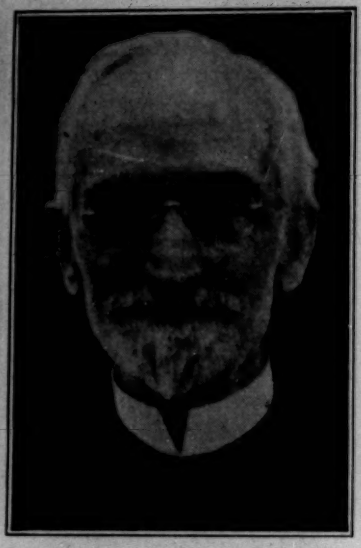
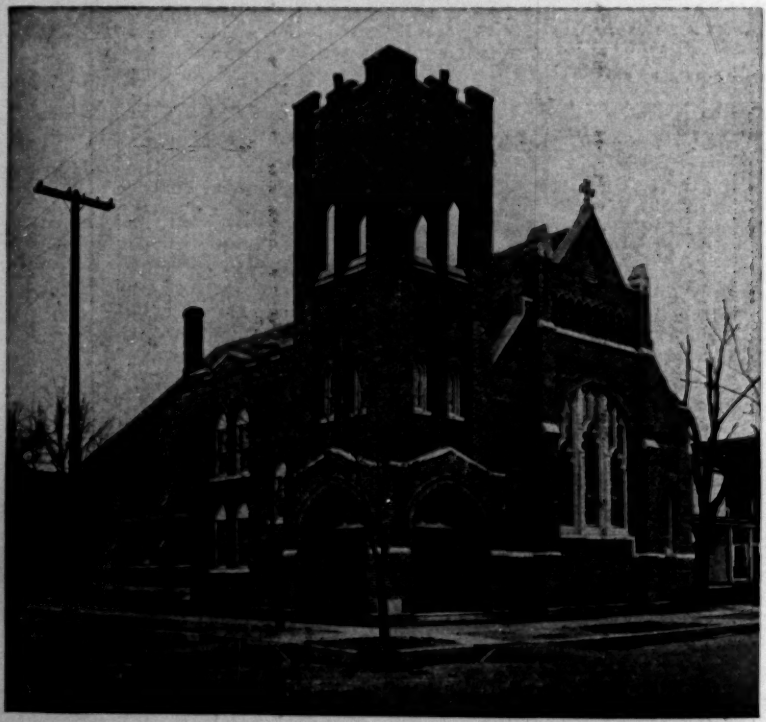
FORTIETH ANNIVERSARY



DR. C. B. HARMAN

On May 19, 1940, Dr. C. B. Harman observed his fortieth anniversary in the Gospel Ministry. For this occasion Dr. H. D. Hoover, professor at Gettysburg Seminary, Gettysburg, Pennsylvania, was the principal speaker. Dr. Hoover and Dr. Harman were college schoolmates. In his message at the morning service Dr. Hoover paid a fitting tribute to Dr. Harman for the fine work he has done during his forty years in the ministry. In the evening a public reception was sponsored by the congregation for Dr. and Mrs. Harman. Greetings and congratulations were expressed by Dr. H. D. Hoover, Dr. W. H. Greever, Secretary of the United Lutheran Church in America, Mayor O. A. Abbott, by several members of Synod and members of former congregations served by Dr. Harman. This year Dr. Harman also completes twenty years as pastor of St. Paul's Lutheran Church at Grand Island, Nebraska. Several organizations of the congregation presented gifts to Dr. and Mrs. Harman.



ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH, GRAND ISLAND

MINUTES

COMMUNION SERVICE—MONDAY AFTERNOON

The 68th Annual Convention of The Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Nebraska convened in St. Paul's Lutheran Church at Grand Island, Nebraska, the Rev. C. B. Harman, D. D., pastor, on Monday afternoon at 2:30, May 20, 1940.

The Preparatory and Holy Communion Services were in charge of the President and the Secretary of Synod. Dr. W. H. Greever, Secretary of The United Lutheran Church in America, preached the sermon on the text John 21:15-17. Seventy-six pastors and lay delegates communed.

BROTHERHOOD CONVENTION AND BANQUET

At four o'clock Monday afternoon the State Brotherhood held its Annual Convention with President Wm. F. Kedde presiding. The Brotherhood Banquet was held at 6:30 p. m., Dr. H. D. Hoover, professor at Gettysburg Seminary, Gettysburg, Pennsylvania, being the speaker. (See Brotherhood Minutes on page 53 for further details)

TUESDAY MORNING

Devotional services were conducted by Chaplain E. F. Rohlfing at 8:45 a. m. The message was given by Dr. W. H. Greever.

The Formal Opening of Synod was conducted by President J. C. Hershey at 9:30 a. m.

The Roll of Synod was called, 49 pastors and 28 lay delegates being present.

The Committee on Reference and Counsel presented its Report. The Report was adopted.

The following new members of Synod were introduced: the Rev. A. O. Frank, D. D., pastor of Salem Lutheran Church at Fremont, Nebraska, and the Rev. G. A. Saathoff, pastor of Salem Lutheran Church at Dakota City, Nebraska. The name of the Rev. P. A. Magalee whose ordination was authorized by Synod in 1937 was also presented to Synod. The Rev. Magalee is a missionary in the British Guiana field.

The President's Report was referred to the Committee on President's Report.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Brethren of Synod:

"Grace be unto you and peace from God the Father and our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ."

Since the last meeting of Synod one of our Lord's servants, Rev. G. B. Weaver, has passed on to his reward. The Necrologist has prepared a fitting memorial service to be held during one of the sessions of this Synod meeting.

Resignations

F. C. Wiegman, Fremont, August 1, 1939.
A. W. Young, Scribner-Snyder, September 15, 1939.
W. C. Heidenreich, Wayne, October 31, 1939.
C. M. N. Alexander, Wilber, November 15, 1939.
H. A. Teckhaus, Tekamah, September 3, 1939.
H. Joens, Hampton, January 21, 1940.
G. Gieschen, Leigh, May 8, 1940.

Applications for Membership

Gilbert A. Saathoff, June 1, 1939.
A. O. Frank, February 1, 1940.

Calls Accepted

Gilbert A. Saathoff, Dakota City, Salem, June 1, 1939.
Carl H. Kemper, Hildreth, June 6, 1939.
W. C. Heidenreich, Oshkosh-Lewellen, November 1, 1939.
C. M. N. Alexander, Scribner-Snyder, November 15, 1939.
A. O. Frank, Fremont, February 1, 1940.
G. Gieschen, Wayne, May 12, 1940.

Installations

G. A. Saathoff, Dakota City, Salem, June 14, 1939.
C. H. Kemper, Hildreth, August 27, 1939.
W. C. Heidenreich, Oshkosh-Lewellen, December 31, 1939.
C. M. N. Alexander, Scribner-Snyder, January 7, 1940.
A. O. Frank, Fremont, February 11, 1940
G. Gieschen, Wayne, May 12, 1940.

Ordination

Patrick A. Magalee, New Amsterdam, British Guiana, South America by Dr. Paul Machetzki, as authorized by Synod.

Vacancies

Bruning: The Methodists are still holding services in the building.

Dakota City, Emmanuel: A communion service was held in this church Easter Sunday afternoon. Fourteen communed. Twenty-five were present.

Leigh: A pastor from Wisconsin is being considered.

Hampton: Student Karl Gigstad from Western Seminary is supplying regularly.

Hardy: Rev. F. S. Delo is full time supply pastor.

McCool Junction is being cared for by Rev. M. B. Simon.

Wilber: Supplied regularly from Western Seminary.

Ericson: Rev. E. N. Haugse is full time supply pastor.

Sutherland: Rev. R. V. Davis is full time supply pastor.

Tekamah: Student Paul Wiegman has accepted a call to become its pastor.

Anniversaries

Hardy: The congregation helped Rev. Delo celebrate his 45th anniversary in the ministry. Rev. F. C. Wiegman spoke in the morning and Dr. J. C. Hershey in the afternoon.

Ponca: The Women's Missionary Society celebrated their 60th anniversary with appropriate services September 29, 1939.

Lincoln Grace: Plans are going forward for the celebration of the 50th anniversary of this congregation June 9, which happens to be the exact date of its organization.

Improvements

South Sioux City: Complete refinishing of walls, floors and woodwork, new light fixtures installed, exterior woodwork of church repainted, total cost $400.00 with donation of labor such as sanding floors etc in addition. A new sidewalk was placed beside the church and a cement apron from curb to walk in front of the church. Labor furnished by the W. P. A. and cost of $50.00 for material by congregation. 30 new Common Service books were secured, new drapes for the church parlors, 18 confirmation robes, new hymn boards and music rack installed, air filter installed in the blower system and all damaged windows replaced. Total cost $178. New indirect light fixture was installed in church office, inlaid linoleum placed on the floor and walls and ceiling repainted. St. John's German Lutheran church building was purchased for $1.00. Material valued at $950.00. This is being used in the building of a new parsonage. The flooring of the German Lutheran church has been laid in the parlors of church. This work was done by the men of the church. Last, but not least, the Mrs. L. H. Armbright memorial pulpit was recently dedicated.

Stamford: Church floors varnished, $15.00. Electric Outdoor Bulletin Board installed. Common service books purchased, $13.00. Exterior of church painted, $28.00.

Hardy: Twelve men spent two days cleaning up and repairing the exterior of the church property. Spouting, drains, foundations, lawn were all cared for after years of neglect. Renovation of interior, cleaning floors, pews, carpets, replastering, repainting of the walls of the entire church, rebuilding of furnaces in church and parsonage with labor donated cost $315.00. Lawn has been sown with Buffalo grass, trees replanted and flowers set out. Duplex envelopes have been introduced in the church and Sunday School. The Church Literature Committee donated 50 new copies of the Parish Church School Hymnal.

Nebraska City: New furnace for parsonage, new heating plant for church, new hymn books, brass offering plates, improvements in church kitchen, external repairs about parsonage and church. Total cost $700.00.

Allen: Mr. and Mrs. Millard M. Martin and their daughter, Eleanor, presented to the congregation a beautiful 24-inch brass altar cross. Dr. and Mrs. H. L. Pronse and son, Howard, presented a golden Oak Altar to the Primary Department. As an Easter gift to the Primary Department Rev. and Mrs. Foster L. Cress and son, Donald, and Mrs. Edith L. Snipe presented the following altar fixtures: 14-inch cross, throne for the cross, candle-sticks, altar desk, Bible and altar cloth. The altar fixtures are of light Oak to match the altar. Both Altar and fixtures were made by Rev. Cress.

Dalton: New roof on church, sanctuary redecorated, total cost $170.00. Baptismal font presented as memorial. Trees planted $6.00.

Gurley: New choir robes, $70.00. Piano for basement $35.00. Church lawn beautified, sponsored by the village Garden Club. New aisle rug, $11.00.

Lincoln, Grace: Refinishing of basement Sunday School rooms, new chancel carpet, rearrangement of choir loft with addition of new railing and valance. Plans are going forward for the celebration of the 50th anniversary, history of congregation is being prepared, former pastors will have part. One of the major objectives will be the payment of the 1940 benevolence budget in full. Seating space is a problem every Sunday. After every available space was packed Palm and Easter Sundays, many folks had to be turned away. White confirmation robes were used Palm Sunday.

Homer: 50 new Common Service Books dedicated and 36 new Parish Church School Hymnals bought. New carved retable for the altar dedicated Christmas Eve. Church windows redecorated with a beautiful church design. Junior choir organized with 15 voices and sings every Sunday morning. Wooden Church Banks placed with each family with understanding that one cent per meal put into the bank will be used for addition to the Parish Hall with kitchen and stage facilities. Lutheran Women's Work and packet is being regularly used in the Women's Guild. A Young Women's Missionary Society was organized and is exceeding expectations. Entire chancel furnishings including the altar railing were re-enameled. Special Christmas Eve Midnight Service, three-hour Good Friday devotions and Sunrise Easter Service made another phenomenal increase in attendance this year.

Hubbard: Lenten Self Denial boxes were distributed with understanding the proceeds were to be applied on benevolence. Instituted the duplex envelope system. Organized Luther League with 18 young folks interested. Altar linen with five-inch fall crocheted in cross and IHS design. Going over the mark set for average attendance for the year. Choir robed in white surplices. Council studying Forty Thousand Strong, result, men have taken more serious attitude in the fulfillment of their tasks.

Sutherland: 36 new hymnals, $37.00. Repaired stained glass window, $25.00. Repapered and redecorated church, $50.00. Expect to purchase new rugs for aisle and chancel in near future. Largest Easter communion for years.

Rising City: The morning of July 16 only embers were left of the 54-year-old church building. Fire of undetermined origin had destroyed all. No service was held that day but pastor, church council and members, undaunted, planned to hold services in the public school building until a new church could be constructed. With $4,000.00 insurance, $3,000.00 in the building fund and $1,200.00 in gifts with many hours of donated labor a beautiful new building has arisen out of the ashes of the old. Dedication services were held March 3. No debts were incurred.

Hooper: Redecorating of church school room of main church, paid for by the Ladies Aid; installation of hot water heater, and papering of the kitchen of the parsonage. Parsonage bath room redecorated, and new linoleum laid. One pair of candlelabra and two sets of child size offering plates installed for the Church School. Parsonage reroofed with fire proof roofing, cost $65.00. Lawn reseeded and two trees replaced. Church Council is studying "Forty Thousand Strong," each of the councilmen taking turns in leading. One dozen Bibles purchased for the Church School.

Vacoma: The Children's Hymnal purchased and introduced into the Church School work. The Luther League Topics purchased and introduced into the Luther League.

Oshkosh: The Ladies Guild made final payment on the parsonage and purchased a gas stove for the parsonage.

North Platte: Auditorium of church redecorated, stone work and walls repaired, windows recaulked and wood work repainted,

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Church Councilmen's Conferences

Nebraska and Mid-West Synods cooperated.

Twelve conferences were held. 53 out of 59 of our congregations sent representatives. Out of 421 councilmen, 214 attended. 117 visitors attended from both Synods. 45 of our pastors present, 5 did not attend. 21 pastors sent in answer to questionnaire stating they were studying "Forty Thousand Strong."

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The past year has been a busy one but profitable in many ways. There has been fine cooperation on the part of pastors and church councilmen. One of our prominent laymen said: "any organization holding its own is making progress in these trying years." Our Synod has done more than "hold its own". With grateful heart to Almighty God for His rich blessings and to the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Nebraska for the fine spirit it has manifested we humbly submit this report.

Your president, J. C. Hershey

The Report of the Treasurer for 1939 was presented by Mr. F. E. Wood. The Treasurer presented a supplementary report also, covering the year 1940 up to May. The Auditor's Report presented by Treasurer Wood was adopted.

TREASURER'S REPORT 1939

Receipts

Synodical Treasury		
Collection Synod York, May 11, 1939	$ 9.12	
Apportionment 15% of $20,208.42	3,031.26	
Lutheran Brotherhood space 1939 minutes	20.64	
Salary refund President Hershey	300.00	
Amount taken from other beneficiaries to balance	736.60	$ 4,097.62
		9,627.00
United Lutheran Church		993.00
Missionary Committee		192.00
Ministerial Education		

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Midland College Apportionment	3,680.78	
Special gifts	463.27	4,144.05
Tabitha Home Apportionment	1,947.78	
Special gifts	128.35	2,076.13
Foreign Missions		338.06
Miscellaneous		
Ministerial Pensions and Relief	2.50	
Board of American Missions	164.60	
Lutheran World Conventions	15.00	
Children of the Church	15.00	197.10
		$21,664.96

Disbursements

United Lutheran Church		$10,162.16
Ministerial Education		192.00
Missionary Committee		993.00
Tabitha Home		2,076.13
Midland College		4,144.05
Synodical Treasury		
Committee on Lutheran Student Work	$ 150.00	
Midland College, Stewardship Committee	13.18	
Hanson Audit Co.	25.00	
J. C. Hershey, Salary and Expense	3,487.37	
Belle Bliss, Stenographer	7.15	
Nebraska State Co.	2.20	
W. H. Saas	5.33	
Janitor Sanmon, York	5.00	
C. H. Berhenke	7.45	
E. C. Mortensen	18.01	
W. S. Livers	2.00	
Rev. A. Lentz	20.00	
F. E. Wood, ½ salary, stamps and stationery	35.00	
Owen Printing Co., Minutes of Synod	191.42	
A. T. Yost	11.80	
T. D. Rinde	50.00	
W. H. Traub	2.00	
Gus Prestegaard	1.50	
W. A. Klink	3.04	
Harry A. Swanson	1.00	
E. Clarence Miller	35.00	
L. H. Lesher	3.00	
George P. Krebs	6.00	
W. W. Kuenning	2.00	
Martin Bros, Treasurer's Bond	10.00	
Exchanges		4,097.62
		$21,664.96

Town	Apportionment	1939 Paid	%	Specials	Total
Allen	$ 583.00	$ 135.00	23.2		$ 135.00
Auburn	1,007.00	394.00	39.1	$ 90.60	484.60
Beatrice	631.00	59.00	9.4	26.08	85.08
Benedict	657.00	321.00	48.8	19.43	340.43
Broadwater	472.00	106.00	22.4	2.78	108.78
Columbus	397.00	210.00	56.	2.00	212.00
Dalton	435.00	141.81	32.6		141.81
Dak. City, Em...	37.00	7.00	19.		7.00
Dak. City, Salem	636.00	136.33	21.4	20.54	156.87

Davenport	1,145.00	100.00	8.7	23.50	123.50
Eagle	233.00	7.00	3.		7.00
Emerson	859.00	260.00	30.2	73.85	333.85
Ericson	64.00	14.00	22.		14.00
Falls City	2,703.00	616.00	22.8	15.63	631.63
Fremont	2,374.00	1,516.48	64.	128.00	1,644.48
Grand Island	4,240.00	1,070.00	25.2		1,070.00
Gurley	424.00	210.00	49.5	3.00	213.00
Hampton	360.00			2.00	2.00
Hardy	392.00	14.00	3.5	21.25	35.25
Hildreth	530.00	72.77	13.7		72.77
Homer	721.00	3.00	0.4		3.00
Hooper	1,102.00	110.00	10.		110.00
Hubbard	445.00				
Leigh	912.00	209.00	54.5	61.88	270.88
Lincoln, Grace	2,539.00	1,099.00	43.3	14.81	1,113.81
" St. James'	344.00	110.00	32.	5.65	115.65
Lewellen	323.00	40.00	12.4		40.00
McCool Jct.	392.00				
Nebraska City	572.00	296.00	51.7	13.47	309.47
North Platte	2,666.00	1,645.00	61.7		1,645.00
Omaha, First	1,511.00	524.00	34.6	101.55	625.55
" Grace	980.00	72.00	7.3	2.50	74.50
" K. Mem.	11,861.00	3,955.00	33.3	59.50	4,014.50
" Redeemer.	2,343.00	1,500.00	64.	116.00	1,616.00
" St. Luke's	2,343.00	1,248.70	53.2	20.00	1,268.70
" St. Mark's	620.00	407.00	65.6	54.50	461.50
" L. Mem.	185.00	185.00	100.		185.00
Oshkosh	366.00	29.00	8.		29.00
Paxton	753.00	324.00	43.		324.00
Ponca	1,028.00	249.00	24.2	37.50	286.50
Potter	122.00	59.00	48.4	25.00	84.00
Rising City	848.00	228.43	27.		228.43
Scribner	784.00	112.00	14.3	13.95	125.95
Snyder					
Sidney	684.00	285.00	41.6	15.00	300.00
S. Sioux City	1,124.00	558.00	49.6	65.00	623.00
Spencer	546.00	47.00	8.6	18.57	65.57
Stamford	615.00	65.00	10.5	10.24	75.24
Stella	138.00	34.25	25.		34.25
Sutherland	64.00				
Tekamah	265.00	34.00	12.8	28.37	62.37
Vacoma	302.00	62.00	20.5	12.53	74.53
Verdon	705.00	78.00	11.	7.10	85.10
Walton	435.00	17.36	4.		17.36
Wayne	1,208.00	370.00	30.6		370.00
West Point	1,828.00	652.29	35.7	8.00	660.29
Wilber	291.00	102.00	35.		102.00
Wolbach	753.00	44.00	5.8	7.00	51.00
York	567.00	64.00	11.3	9.12	73.12
	$61,464.00	$20,208.42	33.35	$1,135.90	$21,344.32

A comparison with last year's report will show an increase in apportioned benevolence of $266 but a decrease in special benevolence of $3,478, a net decrease of $3,212. It is to be regretted that only one church in the entire Synod has paid its benevolence in full.

F. E. Wood, Treasurer

To the Board of Trustees:

The Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Nebraska
of the United Lutheran Church in America.

In accordance with your request, we have conducted a detailed

audit of the financial books and records of your Treasurer, Mr. F. E. Wood, for the period from January 28, 1939 to January 27, 1940, inclusive.

In dividing the Apportionment Account Funds at the end of the fiscal year the original apportionment has been modified by subsequent action of the Executive Committee. See Note on Exhibit "A" showing how the Minutes authorized the Apportionment Fund to be divided and the way it was actually divided when the books were closed on January 27, 1940.

There was on deposit in the Stephens National Bank checking account $2,071.70 on December 31, 1939. Deposits during January, 1940 amounted to $4,082.93. The books were closed as of January 27, 1940 with outstanding checks amounting to $6,154.63. The net balance of funds on deposit per the books as of January 27, 1940 was Nil.

Our report submitted herewith agrees with the financial records of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Nebraska of the United Lutheran Church in America, Treasurer Mr. F. E. Wood, and to the best of our knowledge and belief is a correct accounting of all receipts and disbursements for the fiscal period from January 28, 1939 to January 27, 1940, inclusive.

Respectfully submitted,
THE HANSON AUDIT COMPANY,
By Alfred L. Hanson

The Report of the Statistician was presented by the Rev. W. H. Saas. Dr. W. H. Greever spoke to this report emphasized the importance of statistics. The recommendation was adopted.

REPORT OF THE STATISTICIAN

Your Statistician wishes to express his thanks to the brethren of Synod for their fine co-operation in filling out and returning the parochial report blanks this year. For the sixth consecutive year a report has been received from every congregation of Synod.

This year's response was the best ever. 35 reports were in on time and it was necessary to send out only six cards to bring in the delinquent reports. For the first time in several years it was unnecessary to enlist the aid of the president of Synod to get the latest of the reports. Of the 59 reports received 34 were correct, 18 required only one correction and two sent in by congregational secretaries had all available figures on them but were left to the statistician for completion. Only five reports required more than one correction. Your ready co-operation made it a real pleasure to gather the figures and make out the synodical report this year.

However, we have not reached perfection. That means that there is room for improvement. We should like to make a suggestion or two. First, we should like to ask for greater promptness on the part of those whose reports were late this year. Why should there not be 59 reports coming in on time rather than 35? Next, we should like to ask that you be sure to make a complete report. Incomplete reports misrepresent conditions and thus reduce the value of the synodical report. For example, eight congregations, two in the North Platte Conference and six in the South Platte Conference, representing a communing membership of 1,400, report no contributing members. Surely some of these 1,400 are contributors. Again, five congregations, three in the North Platte Conference, and two in the South Platte Conference representing a communing membership of

3,034, report no "Non-Member Adherents". Surely this is not true to fact. Refusal of some pastors to supply these figures caused the same misrepresentation of facts last year. We hope that these figures will be supplied next year.

We submit the following analysis of this year's report:

	Number	Increase	Decrease
Congregations	59		
Membership			
Baptized	29,236	1,151	
Confirmed	20,212	790	
Communing	12,305	365	
Contributing	9,135	21	
Non-Member Adherents	2,230	310	
Church Papers	260		45
Sunday Schools	60	2	
Officers and Teachers	1,131	55	
Scholars	8,541	252	
Home Department	63		14
Cradle Roll	926	52	
Week Day Schools	30	3	
Teachers	196	6	
Scholars	1,715	237	
Catechumens	1,005		93
Students			
Ministry	10	3	
In Lutheran Institutions	47		11
Church Societies			
Number of Men's	23	5	
Members	472	14	
Number of Women's	113		1
Members	3,304	73	
Number of Young People's	92	2	
Members	2,138	185	
Financial			
Congregational Epense			
Current	$117,155	$9,687	
Unusual	27,708		$1,273
Total	144,863	8,414	
Congregational Benevolence			
Apportioned	20,628	358	
Unapportioned	13,142		864
Total	33,770		508
Total Expenditures	$178,633	$7,908	

A study of this analysis will reveal grounds for encouragement. There have been gains, with few exceptions, all along the line. However the gains are not large enough to warrant any let up in activity.

1. Gains were reported in all classes of membership; 3.9% in baptized and confirmed and 2.9% in communing.

2. A gain of 55 officers and teachers and 252 scholars was reported for the Sunday Schools. A loss of 10 teachers and 402 scholars was reported last year.

3. Week Day Church schools continued their popularity this year and reported a gain of 3 schools, 6 teachers and 237 scholars.

4. Two new young peoples' societies were reported this year and an increase of 185 in membership. Last year a loss of 288 in membership was reported.

5. We note a slight increase in the amount of apportioned

benevolence paid and a corresponding decrease in unapportioned benevolence paid. Total expenditures were somewhat higher than last year.

While there is room for improvement in all departments of our work we desire to call your attention to three places where losses are reported and improvement should be made.

1. There has been a gradual decline in the number of copies of "The Lutheran" coming into the homes of Synod for the past several years. A decline of 45 is reported this year in the face of efforts of the church to improve it.

2. A loss of 93 in the number of catechumens was reported this year.

3. There was a decrease of 11 in the number of students in Lutheran institutions.

Your response to the call for "Congregational Record Information" was good. 50 of the 59 blanks sent out were returned with the desired information. A digest of these reports was made and sent to the secretary of the United Lutheran Church. To those considering the purchase of a new parish register we should like to report that in many states, only bound books are considered legal. This is not true of Nebraska.

We wish to call to your attention, without recommendation, an action taken by the School of Statisticians held at Harrisburg, Penn., December 6 and 7, 1939:

It is the judgment of this school that it would be of value to the Executive Committee of the Synod if the Statistical Secretary of Synod were a member of that Committee.

Your statistical secretary attended that school.

We bring one recommendation: That Synod instruct its secretary to send to each statistical secretary of the U. L. C. A. a copy of the minutes of this convention with the return address of the statistical secretary on it together with the words "For Exchange."

Respectfully submitted,
W. H. Saas

The Bar of Synod was fixed to include only those pews in front of the balcony.

The Report of the Historian was presented by Dr. G. K. Rubrecht.

REPORT OF THE HISTORIAN

The former Historian of Synod, the Rev. Luther M. Kuhns, D. D., Litt. D., LL. D., collected and prepared a considerable amount of material pertaining to the history of Synod, the history of congregations of Synod and biographical sketches of men who have served the church. All such material found in the files of the former historian when his office in Omaha was dismantled a few months ago was mailed to me by our president under the postmark date of April 1. This collection of material should be of great value to the church and to the congregations of Synod in the future. I have placed all this material together with other historical material in a steel cabinet for safe keeping until such time when it may be transferred elsewhere as Synod may instruct or designate.

Several anniversaries have been observed during the year. The historian has received no material or programs covering the same. We urge all pastors and congregations to submit anniversary programs

and historical sketches to the historian of Synod so that proper notice may be made and that such material may be preserved for future use of the church.

A record of pastors received and dismissed during the year appears in the President's Report.

Respectfully submitted,
G. Keller Rubrecht

The following official delegates were introduced to Synod: Dr. W. H. Greever, representing the United Lutheran Church in America; Dr. E. E. Stauffer, fraternal delegate from the Synod of Kansas and Adjacent States; Mrs. C. B. Harman, representing the Synodical Women's Missionary Society. Dr. J. S. Leamer, the Rev. R. Moehring and the Rev. H. M. Henriksen, Sr., were introduced as visitors.

The Special Committees were appointed by President Hershey.

A motion carried that the Ordination Service begin at 7:45 Tuesday evening, instead of 8 o'clock.

Dr. C. H. B. Lewis called attention to some charts he had posted, and also to the book display from the United Lutheran Publication House.

The Report of the Executive Committee was presented by the Secretary.

Recommendation 1 was amended to read "1100 copies", instead of "900 copies". The Recommendation was adopted as amended.

Recommendations 2, 3, 4 and 5 were adopted.

Recommendation 6 was amended and adopted as amended.

Recommendation 7 was adopted.

The session adjourned at 11:30 a. m. Prayer was offered by the Rev. W. S. Livers.

EXECUTIVE SESSION—TUESDAY MORNING

The Executive Session of Synod convened at 11:33 Tuesday morning. Prayer was offered by the Rev. H. Dumler.

The Report of the Examining Committee was presented by the Rev. G. Gieschen. The recommendations were considered seriatim. Recommendations 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 were adopted. The recommendations were adopted as a whole.

REPORT OF THE EXAMINING COMMITTEE

Grand Island, Nebr., May 20, 1940

The Examining Committee met May 20, 1940, at 9:30 A. M. at St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church, Grand Island, Nebr.

The following members were present: Rev. G. Gieschen, Rev. R. V. Davis, Rev. G. E. Moeller, Rev. G. N. Mendenhall, Rev. H. Dumler, Rev. W. H. Saas.

Rev. W. T. Kahse was excused because of illness.

The candidates presenting themselves for examination were: Paul Wiegman, Andrew Fuhrmeister, and Karl Gigstad.

The Committee recommends the following:

1. That Paul Wiegman, having finished his studies at Western Theological Seminary, and having passed in a satisfactory manner the examination and having received a call to Immanuel Evangelical Lutheran Church, Tekamah, Nebr. be ordained at this Convention of Synod.

2. That Andrew Fuhrmeister, having finished his studies at Western Theological Seminary, and having passed in a satisfactory manner the examination, but not having received a Call, be ordained by the officers of Synod at such time as he shall have received a Call to a regular pastorate.

3. That Karl Gigstad, having completed the second year of his studies at Western Theological Seminary, and having passed in a satisfactory manner the examination, and having received a Call to be regular supply pastor at Emmanuel Evangelical Lutheran Church, Hampton, Nebr., be licensed for one year by this Convention of Synod.

4. That Rev. J. S. Leamer, retired, having presented a letter of dismissal from the Iowa Synod of the U. L. C. A. and joining the United Evangelical Lutheran Church, Columbus, Nebr., be received into Synod.

5. That Rev. Walter Motzkus, LaCrosse, Wis., having presented a letter of good standing in the Protestant Conference, and having made application for membership in the Nebraska Synod, and having met for a colloquium with the Examining Committee, be received into Synod at such time as he shall have received a Call to a regular pastorate within the Synod.

During the year the Committee examined the credentials of Rev. A. O. Frank, D. D., from the Central Pennsylvania Synod, and of Rev. Gilbert A. Saathoff from the Illinois Synod, and approved them.

G. Gieschen, Chairman

The time of the Executive Session was extended five minutes.

A motion carried that the report of the joint Committee on the Chittenden case be included in the Protocol but not in the printed Minutes.

A motion carried that the officers of Synod consult the Commission of Adjudication of The United Lutheran Church in America with reference to the status of those pastors who hold their congregational membership in one Synod and their Synodical membership in another Synod.

The Executive Session adjourned at 12:05 p. m. Prayer was offered by the Rev. W. W. Alexander.

TUESDAY AFTERNOON

The Synod re-convened at 1:30 Tuesday afternoon. The devotional service was in charge of Chaplain E. F. Rohlfing. The message was given by Dr. E. E. Stauffer of Wichita, Kansas.

The Report of the Committee on Reference and Counsel was adopted.

Discussion of Recommendation 8 of the Report of the Executive Committee was resumed. The recommendation was adopted.

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

1. The Executive Committee has held four meetings since the last Convention of Synod.

2. The Standing Committees required by the Constitution and the Special Committees were appointed, and the Calendar for the 1940 Convention was arranged, as shown in the 1939 Minutes.

3. All unfinished business from the 1939 Convention referred to the Executive Committee was taken care of, except the report from the Treasurer of the Missionary Committee was received too late to be included in the printed Minutes.

4. The contract for printing the Minutes of the 1939 Convention of Synod was let to the Owen Printing Company of Fremont, Nebraska.

5. An order for twenty dollars was drawn on the Synodical Treasury to take care of the Nebraska Synod's share of the expenses for mimeographing the tentative Constitution worked out by the Merger Committees.

6. The Committee voted to cooperate in the meeting of the Statisticians of the United Lutheran Church in America held in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, November 22-23, 1939. Our Synod's pro rata share of the expense for this Statisticians' meeting was $35. Synod's Statistician, the Rev. W. H. Saas, attended the meeting.

7. The Committee voted that Reports of Officers and Committees to be presented to the 1940 Convention of Synod should be mimeographed and sent to the members of Synod ten days previous to the Convention.

8. The State Brotherhood was granted time for its Convention at 4 o'clock Monday afternoon, May 20, 1940, and Monday evening for the Brotherhood Banquet.

Recommendations

1. That 1,100 copies of the Minutes of the 1940 Convention of Synod be printed.

2. That one hundred dollars be appropriated for student work at the University of Nebraska.

3. That a committee of three be appointed to stimulate the circulation of "The Lutheran" in our congregations.

4. That the note for the $1,900.00 borrowed from the Board

of American Missions and loaned to the United Lutheran Church at Columbus, Nebraska, be renewed.

5. That Synod approve the "Youth Rallies" to be promoted by The United Lutheran Church in America the last two weeks in September, 1940.

6. That $5 be allowed St. Paul's Lutheran Church at Grand Island, Nebraska, for incidental expenses during the Convention.

7. That our Synod memorialize The United Lutheran Church in America to set up a definite program for rural work, especially for those drouth-stricken areas where the existence of many rural congregations is endangered.

8. That the budget for 1941 be divided into two sections, as follows:

Section 1—Fixed Items

Salaries	$3,100.00
Missions	1,400.00
President's travel expense	600.00
Beneficiary Education	500.00
Printing	335.00
General Expense Fund	330.00
Student work at the University of Nebraska	100.00
Auditor's fees	25.00
Treasurer's bond	10.00
Total	$6,400.00

Section 2—The Apportionment

The United Lutheran Church in America	$30,887.00
Midland College	16,600.00
Tabitha Home	4,150.00
Total	$51,637.00
Grand Total	$58,037.00

Respectfully submitted,
Thomas D. Rinde, Secretary

In accordance with the budget adopted by Synod the Apportionment Table for 1941, based upon a communing membership of 12,305, is as follows:

Allen	$ 661	Omaha, First	$ 1,567
Auburn	1,053	Omaha, Grace	1,397
Beatrice	524	Omaha, K. M.	10,596
Benedict	557	Omaha, L. M.	255
Broadwater	491	Omaha, Redeemer	2,417
Columbus	411	Omaha, St. Luke's	2,554
Dalton	496	Omaha, St. Mark's	614
Dakota City, Emmanuel	38	Oshkosh	236
Dakota City, Salem	486	Paxton	779
Davenport	1,081	Ponca	939
Eagle	245	Potter	113
Emerson	944	Rising City	840
Ericson	71	Scribner	949
Falls City	2,601	Sidney	666
Fremont	2,162	Snyder	330
Grand Island	3,941	South Sioux City	1,109
Gurley	514	Spencer	368
Hampton	378	Stamford	566
Hardy	382	Stella	109
Hildreth	500	Sutherland	47
Homer	666	Tekamah	260

Hooper	1,053	Vacoma	297
Hubbard	354	Verdon	647
Leigh	760	Walton	396
Lewellen	278	Wayne	1,053
Lincoln, Grace	1,926	West Point	1,435
Lincoln, St. James'	345	Wilber	354
McCool Junction	321	Wolbach	552
Nebraska City	637	York	420
North Platte	2,341		

Respectfully submitted,
Thomas D. Rinde, Secretary

The Amendment to Article VIII, Section 3, line 7, of the Synodical Constitution presented at the 1939 Convention of Synod was adopted. In accordance with this amendment the line reads: "In the election of officers there shall be no election on the first ballot unless there is a three-fourths majority."

The Report of the State Brotherhood was presented by the Brotherhood President, Mr. Wm. F. Kedde.

To the Officers, Pastors and Lay-delegates
in Convention Assembled of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Nebraska at Grand Island, May 20-22, 1940.

Brethren in Christ:

Another year has gone by and passed into history. Many things could be reported which have transpired in that year both for good and bad in the Nebraska Synodical Brotherhood.

We are thankful to the Officers of the Synod for the co-operation and help given to us, to make possible the holding of our Twenty-third Annual Convention in conjunction with this Convention. It behooves us to be grateful also, for their helpfulness in securing the Twelfth Biennial Convention of the Brotherhood of the United Lutheran Church in America, to be held in Nebraska, October 6-8, 1940, with Omaha as its center. When ways and means were discussed to raise the necessary funds to defray the expenses of this Convention; we proposed the sale of Booster buttons for 25¢ each and up, also, the setting of quotas for each congregation regardless if they had a men's organization or not. Your officers not only gave their approval but assisted on promoting this idea.

Each congregation through their pastor have been contacted, and wish to report that many have asked for buttons, however, sorry to say, several have not been willing to help us. Up to this writing seven of the congregations of the Nebraska Synod have raised their quota, while others are nearing their goal.

Have been in close contact with the Midwest Synod, contacting those congregations which have Brotherhoods and have been sent quotas and find co-operation in every respect.

October 11-13, 1939. we were permitted to be a delegate to the Seventh Biennial Convention of the American Federation of Lutheran Brotherhoods. Coming more and more to the conviction that the day is approaching when all Lutheran bodies will work together in closer co-operation and harmony. This feeling was very imminent in an Inter-Synodical meeting held of the men from different Lutheran bodies, April 21, 1940 at Omaha, Nebraska.

Wish to report that two new Brotherhoods were organized and

several requests have been made to present Brotherhood work to the men of the congregation. May the Lord give us the help and strength to be able to report at our coming U. L. C. A. Convention that the men of our Nebraska Synod have heeded the call of establishing men's organizations in their congregations. It will not be amiss to state, that the eyes of the Lutheran men of the Nation will be focussed upon the men of Nebraska, since the statement has been made to our Brethren everywhere, that the coming U. L. C. A. Brotherhood Convention, "Will be the best ever." Permit me therefore to make the appeal in the name of our Nebraska State Brotherhood for your support and help; not only financially but for your prayers, that the Lord may lead us forward and upward.

May the God of peace, bless your Convention, that the actions and deliberations of all present may be to the furthering of the Kingdom of Our Christ the Head of our beloved Lutheran Church. That in the coming year we will work together, to fulfill the "First Objective" of our Brotherhood; "By the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, to bring the unsaved to Christ."

Respectfully submitted,
Wm. F. Kedde, President

Fraternal Greetings from the Synod of Kansas and Adjacent States were brought to Synod by Dr. E. E. Stauffer. Response to these greetings was made by Dr. C. H. B. Lewis.

The Rev. Alfred S. Pannbacker of Hooper, Nebraska, brought fraternal greetings from the Midwest Synod. The Rev. R. E. Rangeler responded to these greetings.

On the third ballot for President of Synod, Dr. J. C. Hershey received 56 votes, a necessary majority for election. The Secretary declared Dr. Hershey elected.

The Report of the Protocol Committee was presented by the Rev. F. L. Cress.

REPORT OF THE PROTOCOL COMMITTEE

Your committee has examined and compared the Protocol and the printed minutes of the 67th Annual Convention of Synod. All items of the Protocol appear correctly in the printed minutes, which by action of Synod are intended to appear.

Some typographical errors of little importance were noted. However we call to the attention of Synod the following: In the roll of Synod we find the name of Dr. O. D. Baltzly appears twice and the name of Rev. V. Baird of Rising City omitted. In both Protocol and printed minutes it states that Rev. R. V. Davis of Paxton as being ordained in 1929 instead of 1930.

Respectfully submitted,
Foster L. Cress, Chairman

The Report of the Stewardship Committee was presented by Mr. F. E. Wood.

REPORT OF THE STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE

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A meeting of the entire Committee except Mr. Lohrberg was

held at Kountze Memorial Church, Omaha, about November 20. As a result of this meeting, the Committee authorized the purchase of a number of copies of "Christian Stewardship and Its Modern Implications", one of which was sent to each pastor. A letter urging the co-operation of all churches toward a larger and fuller sharing in the privileges of giving to the support of the benevolences of the church was also sent to each pastor and each secretary and treasurer of the church council. It is the feeling of the Committee as expressed at that meeting that the church as a whole, as well as the individual, will not prosper until it has obeyed God's command: Go Ye therefore, make disciples of all nations. No individual and no church can live to itself alone.

The Committee is thankful for the splendid response on the part of our churches. A reference to the treasurer's report will indicate an increase in apportioned benevolence of $266 over the previous year; a result brought about largely in the last two months of the year. This gain is continuing through 1940, substantial gains being registered to date. Your Committee would urge all of our pastors and church officers to strive for the goal of 100 per cent benevolence paid by the time the year 1940 passes into history. God will abundantly bless us who labor faithfully in His vineyard.

F. E. Wood

The Stewardship Committee

The Report of the Committee on Evangelism was presented by the Rev. A. H. Pinkall.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON EVANGELISM

Your Committee heartily commended the Plan for Parish Evangelism presented by the Board of Social Missions, and mailed out letters to our pastors urging their cooperation.

Twenty-two of our 44 pastors serving synodical congregations reported that they used Evangelism Plan with minor changes. The main reasons given for not using Plan were: "Field too limited for that type of work.—People are not ready for it.—Good for cities, not so for farm people.—Have successfully been working out our own plan.—Too much in October with Every Member Canvass on and Christmas program.—" Five of our pastors reported that they would use the Plan later. As a whole the Evangelism Plan was very well received by our pastors.

In 1939 the congregations of the Nebraska Synod increased the Baptized roll with 1,151 new members; confirmed roll with 790; Communing roll with 365.

In 1938 the average per cent gain for the Synods of the United Lutheran Church in America in confirmed membership was 2.5%. In 1937 the twelve Synods having the highest average per cent gain were: Pacific, 9.8%; California, 6.6%; Florida, 5.5%; Rocky Mountain, 4.9%; Midwest 4.5%; Northwest 4.3%; Nebraska, 4.2%; Kentucky-Tennessee, 4.1%; Manitoba, 3.9%; North Carolina, 3.7%; Ohio, 3.4%; Kansas, 3.5%.

On the basis of percentage, the gain for our entire Synod during 1939 was 4.06%. In 1938 it was 4.15%. This indicates a loss of .09%.

This committee helped in the arranging of the Church Councilmen's Conferences in Nebraska and Mid-West Synods held last fall in 12 different locations conducted by Dr. H. J. McGuire, Dr. F. C. Wiegman and Dr. M. Koolen. We suggest the use of "Forty Thousand Strong" to be used as a study book for Church Councilmen.

The Committee urges the continued stressing of family devotions

aided by our varied devotional literature; "A Message for the Day" to be used for the sick and shut-ins in the local parishes; (There are 13,900 people each week receiving the comfort found in these pamphlets for private devotions); Cooperation with the Board of Social Missions; Catechetical Evangelization for old and young.

Respectfully submitted,
A. H. Pinkall

The Report of the Midland Assembly Board of Directors was presented by the Rev. T. D. Rinde.

REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS OF THE MIDLAND ASSEMBLY

The Seventeenth Annual Midland Assembly for Church Workers was held July 30 to August 4, 1939, on the Midland College Campus in Fremont, Nebraska.

The sessions each day opened with a devotional service at 7:30 a. m. conducted by Dr. S. White Rhyne, Executive Secretary of the Parish and Church School Board of the United Lutheran Church in America. The general theme for the devotional services was "The Master Teacher". The sub-themes were, "His intimate fellowship with the Father", "His sympathetic understanding of men", "His thorough knowledge of truth", "His simple method of teaching" and "His charming personality".

The Credit Course "Methods for Guidance of Youth Groups" was taught by Dr. Rhyne. The course dealing with the materials for the "Children of the Church Program" was under the leadership of Miss Brenda Mehlhouse, Associate Secretary of that group.

The Foreign Mission Study Book "Through Tragedy to Triumph" was discussed under the leadership of Miss Mette K. Blair, missionary on furlough from India. The discussion of the Home Mission Study Book "Right Here at Home" was in charge of Mrs. G. K. Mykland of Chapman, Kansas.

Professor E. E. Flack, Secretary of the Faculty and Professor of Exegesis in Hamma Divinity School, Springfield, Ohio, was in charge of "The Pastors' Hour". Under the general theme: "The Pastor and World Problems" Dr. Flack discussed the following subjects: "Trends in Christian Thought", "The pastor and evangelism", "The pastor and social action", "The Edinburgh Conference", "World Lutheranism".

Addresses during the "General Lecture Hour" were given by Miss Mehlhouse; Miss Ruth Juram, Promotional Secretary for the Women's Missionary Society of the United Lutheran Church in America; Dr. Rhyne, Dr. Flack and Miss Blair.

The sermon at the Fremont Union Service on Sunday evening, July 30, 1939, was preached by Dr. Flack on the theme: "The Supremacy of Christ".

The Rev. W. H. Saas, pastor at Beatrice, Nebraska, directed the "Youth Assembly" for boys and girls from 12 to 15 years of age. Dr. C. H. B. Lewis, Miss Josephine Miller and Miss Geraldine Schafersman were assistants.

The "Junior Assembly" was in charge of Miss Amanda Jorn, Falls City, Nebraska, Synodical Secretary of the "Children of the Church Program". Miss Jorn was assisted by Miss Mary Marx and Mrs. Edward Lenz.

The sessions in each department were well attended, indicating a sustained and growing interest among our church people in the work being done by the Midland Assembly.

The Eighteenth Annual Midland Assembly will be held July 28

to August 2, 1940. The Sixtieth Annual Convention of the Synodical Women's Missionary Society will be held in conjunction with the Midland Assembly.

Thomas D. Rinde,
President of the Midland Assembly

The Report of the Young People's Committee was presented by the Rev. C. H. Berhenke. The recommendations were considered seriatim. Recommendations 1, 2, 3 and 4 were adopted. The recommendations were adopted as a whole.

REPORT OF THE YOUNG PEOPLE'S COMMITTEE OF THE NEBRASKA SYNOD FOR 1940

An increasing number of young people are being reached each month through the use of the NOAWL, a state paper being sent to all churches whether they are active in Luther League work or not.

During the past year two workers and officers Conferences were held in conjunction with the League of the Synod of the Midwest. One was at Leigh for the North Platte Conference, and one at Lincoln for the South Platte Conference. The total attendance was three times that of last year when only one such conference was held. It is hoped to arrange a similar conference next year which will include one for the Western Conference area.

Overtures have been made to the League of the Midwest Synod and relations are cordial. Exchange delegates have been arranged with the Kansas League Camp. Invitations are being extended to the Iowa and Midwest Leagues for a similar exchange.

By curtailing expenditures and using only local speakers, the League Camp was able to close last year with a balance on hand with which to begin work this year. The date of the camp for this year is August 11-16. The cost is six dollars for the five days. Pastors will be admitted for five dollars which is actual cost without registration fee.

Steps have been taken to broaden the work and program for young people but plans are not completed. Interest of the national officers in a youth program is being felt and appreciated.

As directed last year, a survey has been made of some of the youth groups outside of the church. Here is a brief summary of some of the most prominent. Four considerations have been in mind in reviewing these organizations.

1. The purpose of the organization.
2. The attitude toward church and religion.
3. The sponsoring body.
4. Endorsements by some using it.

The Boy Scouts of America

The purpose of Scouting is revealed by the Scout Oath "On my honor I will do my best: to do my duty to God and my country and to obey the Scout Law; to help other people at all times; to keep my self physically strong, mentally awake and morally straight".

The leaders of Scouting desire to cooperate with the church and point to the phrase in the Scout Oath "duty to God", and in the Scout Law "A Scout is Reverent".

From one of their published pamphlets "Our Religious Principles" on page eight we read: "Scouting is neutral in religious

matters. But it is not a negative neutrality. It leaves religion to those chosen and qualified to teach it, but declares the necessity of religion in character development and urges its practice." Also, "The Church offers the best home for a Scout Troop and has been from the beginning the outstanding and predominating sponsoring institution for very specific reasons: (1) It has the moral and spiritual atmosphere in which boys should grow up. *** (2) It has a program of religious education and spiritual motivation which Scouting cannot provide."

The Boy Scouts of America operate under a charter granted by the Congress of United States. It reports each year and gets its authority from this body.

The American Federation of Lutheran Brotherhoods has adopted the Boy Scout program and has a National Lutheran Committee on Scouting and regional committees which stand in readiness to promote and assist this work.

Besides the Brotherhood, the United Lutheran Church has two representatives on the National Protestant Committee on Scouting. The booklet "The Scout Program in Protestant Churches" which is a manual of practical procedures related to the program of the church, is published by this committee.

The Girl Scouts of America

The purpose of Girl Scouts is "to help to realize the ideals of womanhood, as a preparation for their responsibilities in the home and service to the community" * * to "inspire the rising generation with the highest ideals of character, conduct and attainment. The Girl Scout promises "On my honor I will try: to do my duty to God and my country, to help other people at all times, to obey the Girl Scout laws". In their laws they do not have the one on reverence as do the Boy Scouts.

Their attitude toward religion is neutral. Most troops have been conducted outside of the church. This trend seems to be reversing. A more detailed statement of the religious stand is so recently published that a copy is not yet available to the committee.

The sponsoring body is Girl Scouts, Inc., incorporated under the laws of the District of Columbia.

No information available as to the use in churches.

Camp Fire Girls

The purpose of the Camp Fire Girls is (in terms of the law of the Fire) to: Seek beauty; give service; pursue knowledge; be trustworthy; hold on to health; glorify work; be happy. The program is built up around the seven general crafts of Home, Health, Hand, Nature, Camp, Business, Citizenship.

The attitude toward religion is neutral. They also are looking to the churches for their sponsoring organizations more than in the past.

In their pamphlet on "Camp Fire Girls and the Church" individual cases are cited but no mention is made of this organization being generally adopted by a religious organization.

The Hi-Y Club

This organization has for its purpose "to create, maintain and extend throughout the school and community, high standards of Christian character". Its slogan is "Clean speech, clean sports, clean scholarship, and clean living".

This work is carried out in High Schools and is sponsored by the National Y. M. C. A. and is carried on through state and local Y. M. C. A. secretaries.

This organization speaks definitely of Christian Program.

The Girl Reserves

The purpose of the Girl Reserves is "to Find and Give the Best". The slogan is to "Face Life Squarely". In their code some of the goals are growth, reliance, sincerity, beauty, reverence.

The Girl Reserves is sponsored by the National Y. W. C. A. and is carried on in the schools through Y. W. C. A. secretaries.

The 4-H Clubs

Four-H Club work is a specialized educational enterprise for rural youth. Its underlying purpose is: "to aid in diffusing among the people of the United States useful and practical information on subjects relating to agriculture and home economics, and to encourage the application of the same."

The pledge taken by members is: "I pledge my Head to clearer thinking, my Heart to greater loyalty, my Hands to larger service, and my Health to better living, for my club, my community, and my country".

There is no religious statement or affiliation with churches.

It is organized by the U. S. Department of Agriculture and is operated through the extension department of the same.

Conclusion

It is the sense of the committee that there is a definite place in the church for some of these activities. A recommendation is being made for one boys' organization. This does not exclude the others for Christian leadership is the key to all. The committee also felt a need for some recognition of girls' work but feels that a bit more information is needed before recommending one organization.

Recommendations

1. We hereby recommend that the program of the Boy Scouts of America be recognized as being suitable for use in the churches of the Nebraska Synod when it is under the supervision of the congregation.

2. We recommend that further study be given to the girls program in the church.

3. We recommend that the Synod contribute seventy-five dollars to the support of the Luther League Camp.

4. We recommend that consideration be given to the unifying of the educational program within Synod.

Respectfully submitted,

C. H. Berhenke

The Report of The Luther League was presented by President Hershey.

REPORT OF THE LUTHER LEAGUE OF NEBRASKA TO THE SYNOD OF NEBRASKA

The Luther League of Nebraska started its present fiscal year with the most successful camp-convention that it has yet sponsored. For the first time the enrollment has exceeded one hundred. Financially the camp period is now self supporting, which will enable the planning committee to prepare a more varied, inspirational and educational program in the future.

At this camp-convention last August a resolution was passed that authorized the appointment of a committee to work with a similar committee from the Midwest Luther League to prepare the program for regional officers and workers programs to be co-

sponsored by the Luther League of the Midwest Synod and the Luther League of Nebraska. These conferences were to be held in the conference areas of the Synod of Nebraska. Two of these conferences were held April 7 and 14. The first, in the South Platte conference area was held at Grace Lutheran Church, Lincoln. The second was held in the North Platte conference area at St. John's, Leigh. These two conferences were most successful. Over four times as many Leaguers were contacted as compared to the previous conferences sponsored by Luther League of Nebraska covering the entire state.

The Midwest Leagues were well represented at the North Platte conference, and in proportion to the number of members, the response to the South Platte conference was gratifying. This work with the Midwest Luther League has been most worthwhile. It has clarified the relationship these two organizations have with each other, and fostered a spirit of mutual understanding.

The membership of the Luther League of Nebraska has remained stationary for the past year. At our convention last August two Senior and one Intermediate Leagues were accepted as members. Since then the extension committee has been contacting interested Leagues and reports that one League has expressed a desire to join the State organization.

The response of the members of Synod has been gratifying this past year. It is indeed a pleasure to work with the members of the Young People's Committee. They are helpful, considerate, and spare themselves not one bit in their efforts to further the program of the Luther League.

The Luther League wishes to cooperate to the fullest extent with the Synod of Nebraska. We renew our pledge of continued support of Synod in all phases of her work, and ask that the Prayers of all the Pastors and laymen of Synod might be given the Luther League, that "the Church of the Future" may grow in increased usefulness and glory to God.

Sincerely submitted,
Maurice Dasenbrock, President

On the first ballot for Vice-President Dr. C. B. Harman received 49 votes, a necessary majority for election. The President declared Dr. Harman elected.

Greetings from the Nebraska Synod Women's Missionary Society and their report were brought to Synod by Mrs. C. B. Harman. The Rev. W. H. Saas responded to these greetings.

REPORT OF THE WOMEN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY

For the year ending June 30, 1939
as reported at Nebraska Synod May 21, 1940

The Women's Missionary Society of the Nebraska Synod held its annual Convention in conjunction with the Midland Assembly, August 1 to 4, 1939, at Fremont. Copies of the program, reports, and minutes have been deposited with your President for your permanent records.

During the year ending June 30, 1939, we had reported 39 women's societies, and 24 young women's societies with a total membership of 1,112, which is an increase of 82 over the year ending June, 1938. The sum of $5,955.19 was handled by our treasurer for all purposes during the year.

The Statistical report shows that there are still 20 congregations

in the Nebraska Synod where there is no organized Missionary Activity. The co-operation of the pastors in these congregations is humbly solicited in the organization of a women's Missionary Society or the insertion of Missionary education in present functioning women's organizations.

Six Conferences in six districts were held in addition to the annual convention. Officers were elected at the Convention as follows:

President.....Mrs. Fred C. Wiegman, Fremont
Vice President.....Mrs. Walter A. Voss, Omaha
Secretary.....Miss Lulu James, Emerson
Treasurer.....Mrs. O. L. Sturtevant, Lincoln
Statistical Secretary.....Mrs. Wallace Livers, Ponca

One of our many interesting funds is our Student Loan Fund which is a State objective. It has aided six girls to attend Midland College and at present is aiding a seventh. There are stipulated regulations for the administration of these loans. Information will be gladly given to any inquirer.

We wish to thank the members of this Synod for their co-operation in the promotion of our program. We pledge to you our continued loyalty to the program of the whole church and pray that through consecrated efforts and true Christian Missionary activity, we may hasten the day of the establishment of Christ's Kingdom on earth.

Respectfully submitted,
Mrs. Fred C. Wiegman, President

On the first ballot for Secretary Rev. T. D. Rinde received 51 votes, a necessary majority for election. The President declared Rev. Rinde elected.

The Report of the Missionary Committee was presented by President Hershey. The audit of the Report of the Treasurer of the Missionary Committee was adopted.

REPORT OF THE MISSIONARY COMMITTEE

Four meetings of this committee were held since the last meeting of Synod. The officers of this committee are as follows: Mr. Otto Nelson, president; Dr. J. C. Hershey, secretary and Rev. A. H. Pinkall, treasurer. We submit the following report:

Broadwater: organized July, 1934. Rev. E. F. Rohlfing became the pastor September, 1937. We are happy to report that this mission is making progress. Last fall the Missionary Society made both the pastor and his wife life members of the society. Beginning with this year the congregation increased their pastor's salary $10.00 per month.

Columbus: Organized in 1931. Rev. E. A. Dorner has been the pastor since December, 1936. The property of this mission is in excellent condition. Pastor Dorner is to be commended for his interest in beautifying the lawn. No great gain in membership is reported, but 56% of the apportioned benevolence was paid.

Ericson: Organized in 1898. Rev. E. N. Haugse has been the pastor since May, 1938. A distance of 60 miles made it impossible to hold services regularly during the winter months. The interest and attendance is on the increase. The congregation recently voted to increase its contribution to the pastor's salary from $16.50 to $25.00 per month.

Luther Memorial, Omaha: Organized May, 1936. Rev Moeller became the first pastor October, 1937. The first unit of their new

building is well on the way to completion and will be dedicated in a very short time. The communing membership shows a good increase over last year. Again they have paid their apportioned benevolence 100%. Their new building is located in a rapidly growing district and promises to become a strong congregation.

Scribner: Organized April, 1935. Rev. A. W. Young resigned September 15. Rev. C. M. N. Alexander was installed January 7. Ownership in the theater, in which this congregation worshipped, changed hands making it necessary to look for a new place in which to worship. A store building next door to the theatre was secured. Pews and other furnishings were donated to the congregation by the Midwest Synod from their closed church at Dakota City. Their report shows a communing membership of 201. Last year it was 167.

Spencer: Organized 1930. Rev. A. L. Mendenhall became the pastor February, 1938. The 1940 census reveals a decreased population in many of our small towns. Spencer is one of them. No crop has been raised in this community since the congregation has been organized. The last payment was made on the church building two years ago. Monthly payments are being made on a parsonage. The pastor reports an increase in communing members.

During the year 1939 the Nebraska Synod received from the Board of American Missions $2,280 which was distributed as follows: Broadwater, $480; Luther Memorial, Omaha, $600; Scribner, $500; Spencer, $340; and Wolbach, $360. The Synodical Mission Committee distributed $1,080 as follows: Columbus, $420; Ericson, $120; Omaha, Luther Memorial, $480.

The Board of American Missions made emergency grants as follows: Hampton, $200; Leigh, $100, Wilber, $100.

We are very grateful to the Board of American Missions for the assistance they have given us in our drouth stricken areas.

Respectfully submitted,

J. C. Hershey, Missionary Superintendent

THE MISSIONARY COMMITTEE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN SYNOD OF NEBRASKA—OMAHA, NEBRASKA

Treasurer's Report for the Period June 30, 1939 to February 29, 1940.
Depository: United States National Bank, Omaha, Nebraska.

Receipts

Received from Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Nebraska on apportionment—regular	$ 617.00
Balance on hand June 30, 1939	509.74
Receipts plus balance	$1,126.74

Disbursements

For period July 1, 1939 to February 29, 1940.

Columbus, Nebraska—E. A. Dorner, salary	$ 315.00
Omaha, Luther Memorial—G. E. Moeller, salary	360.00
Ericson, Nebraska—E. N. Haugse, salary	90.00
President of Synod—J. C. Hershey, salary	225.00
Mass. Bonding & Insurance Co.—Bonding Treasurer, A. H. Pinkall	5.00
Meals for Committee	6.50
Bank debits, service charges	6.00
Total Disbursements	$1,007.50
$1,126.74 less $1,007.50 leaves BALANCE ON HAND	$ 119.24

There are no outstanding bills at this date.

Respectfully submitted,

A. H. Pinkall, Treasurer

REPORT OF THE AUDITOR IN CONNECTION WITH THE RECORDS OF THE TREASURER OF THE MISSIONARY COMMITTEE

To the Missionary Committee Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Nebraska:

I have audited the books of your treasurer as of February 29, 1940 and found to be correct. Balance on hand as shown by United States National Bank, Statement $230.24
Float or outstanding checks 111.00

Balance on hand February 29, 1940 ..... $119.24

Respectfully,
V. B. Elseffer
Committee

The Report of the Inner Mission Committee was presented by the Rev. M. B. Simon. The recommendation was adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON INNER MISSIONS

Tabitha Home has begun its appeal for funds for the new main building and the appeal seems to be progressing very satisfactorily. Your committee recommends that all churches cooperate with Tabitha Home in securing these funds which are needed for a building for the aged in this, our only Inner Mission institution of the Synod.

67 aged and 66 children were cared for during the last year at Tabitha. 19 boys and 3 girls were dismissed during 1939. Tabitha Home has done splendid work during its history and it merits our loyal support.

The principal activity of a congregation must always be evangelism. Evangelism "Is the Christianizing of every unchristian area whether at home or abroad, or in one's own heart". As the evangelists reach out and touch the community of which the congregation is a part, "sore-spots" are found, unchristian conditions are unearthed, vexing human needs are brought to light, and the church discovers that she is called to serve. While Inner Missions is a specialized work that requires the trained worker and the service of the agency and the institution, the Church cannot thereby be relieved of responsibility. The congregational Inner Mission program is the nearest approach to the New Testament ideal, and has possibilities which the Agency cannot meet because of its heavy case-load.

In the light of ills, spiritual, mental, and physical, the Church finds it impossible to sit idly by, but like her great Master she must be busy, "going about doing good". The "Call to Adventure is heard by Christians and realizing that the community must be dominated by Christ, if American life is to be saved, they undertake some of the phases of inner mission work:—Christian education, child nurture, family welfare, work among the needy, the unfortunate, the blind, the deaf, the crippled, the unemployed, the discouraged.

The Board of Social Missions asks the congregation to make itself more effective in its community, state and nation by grappling with some of the perplexing social questions of the day. It asks the congregation to study these questions—how they affect the members of the local church, how they become tension points and dangerous areas in the community.

It is the hope of the Board of Social Missions that every Synodical Committee on Social Missions will act as an agency for

the dissemination of this message of self-help until every congregation in our U. L. C. A. will become surcharged with the power which is given to those who have seen God in Jesus Christ and who have surrendered to His will. Your Committee has sent letters to the pastors of Synod emphasizing inner mission work. "Inner Mission is not an organization but a spirit".

An institute of Social Missions was held at Kountze Memorial Lutheran Church by the Board of Social Missions. The leaders were the Rev. Drs. E. E. Flack, C. Franklin Koch, G. H. Bechtold. At this institute the three areas of the work of the Board were presented—Social Action, Inner Missions and Evangelism, with discussion periods following.

Recommendation

We recommend that Synod take action to merge the Committees on Inner Mission, Evangelism into a Board of Social Missions as recommended by the Board of Social Missions of the United Lutheran Church in America.

Respectfully submitted,
Henry Dumler, Chairman

On the first ballot for Statistician the Rev. W. H. Saas received 41 votes, a necessary majority for election. The President declared the Rev. Saas elected.

Mr. F. E. Wood was nominated for Treasurer of Synod. A motion carried that the nominations be closed. A motion carried that the rules be suspended and that the Secretary be instructed to cast the ballot of Synod for Mr. F. E. Wood for Treasurer of Synod. The Secretary cast the ballot and the President declared Mr. Wood elected.

Dr. W. F. Rangeler, professor of Practical Theology at Western Theological Seminary, Fremont, Nebraska, was introduced to Synod and given the privilege of the floor.

On the first ballot for Historian Dr. G. K. Rubrecht received 40 votes, a necessary majority for election. The President declared Dr. Rubrecht elected.

Mr. Gus Prestegaard was nominated for the lay-member to the Executive Committee of Synod. A motion carried that the nominations be closed. A motion carried that the rules be suspended and that the Secretary cast the ballot of Synod for Mr. Gus Prestegaard for lay-member to the Executive Committee of Synod. The Secretary cast the ballot and the President declared Mr. Prestegaard elected.

Invitations for the 1941 Convention of Synod were presented by the congregations at Hooper, North Platte and Falls City.

A motion carried that if there was no election on the third ballot for the clerical member to the Executive Committee of Synod, the fourth ballot be limited to the two

receiving the highest number of votes on the third ballot.

The session adjourned at 4:30 p. m. Prayer was offered by the Rev. E. N. Haugse.

CONFERENCE MEETINGS

At 4:35 p. m. meetings were held by the three Synodical Conferences.

ORDINATION SERVICE—TUESDAY EVENING

The Ordination service at 7:45 Tuesday evening was in charge of the officers of Synod and the Chairman of the Examining Committee. The sermon was preached by the Rev. W. C. Heidenreich on the text Colossians 4:17: "Take heed to the ministry which thou hast received in the Lord, that thou fulfill it."

Mr. Paul Wiegman, a graduate of Western Theological Seminary, was ordained, and Mr. Karl Gigstad, a senior, was licensed for one Synodical year.

WEDNESDAY MORNING

The devotional service at 8:45 a. m. was conducted by Chaplain E. F. Rohlfing. The message at this service was delivered by Dr. W. H. Greever.

The business session was called to order by President Hershey at 9:30 a. m.

The roll was called, 50 pastors and 25 lay delegates being present.

The Minutes for the sessions of Monday and Tuesday were read and approved.

The Committee on Reference and Counsel read the order of business for the session.

A motion carried that Synod instruct its Secretary to send birthday greetings to Dr. F. H. Knubel, President of the United Lutheran Church in America.

A motion carried that Synod express its appreciation to the Augustine Printing Co for providing ballots for the Synodical elections.

The Rev. F. C. Wiegman, President of Midland College, spoke to Synod presenting facts concerning the financial, academic and administrative aspects of the college.

REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT OF MIDLAND COLLEGE

Brethren of the Nebraska Synod:

It is a matter of deep and sincere personal regret that I cannot be with you to give an account of my stewardship as President of

Midland College and Western Theological Seminary. But through the good offices of your Secretary, I am able to present this written statement to you.

By the mercies of God and because of the hearty co-operation of the Synods and the city of Fremont, the college year has shown some gratifying advances. These can best be detailed under the several heads following:

One great need of our institution has been a closer organic connection with the seven Synods of our constituent territory. Kansas, Nebraska, Midwest, and Rocky Mountain Synods have been consistent sponsors of the college. Iowa has occupied the same position toward the Seminary only but supports Carthage as its constituent college. California, Pacific and Texas Synods maintain friendly relation toward the college and seminary but have not included us in their regular benevolence budgets.

To effect this organic union between our institutions and these latter three Synods I made a five weeks' tour of California and was gratified to be rewarded with the assurance of the Executive Committee of that Synod that the Committee would recommend to Synod our regular inclusion in the Synodical budget. This action would officially adopt Midland and Western as the recognized schools of that Synod. I ask you to pray that this action may be taken.

Texas and Pacific Synods will be asked to consider similar action within the near future.

A second great need of our school is a balanced budget, which we have not had for more than ten years. As a result of this financial delinquency, our accumulated deficit reached the total of $33,844.30 and bank borrowings came to $11,000.00. This grand total of $44,-844.30 represents an unprovided for debt upon the college finances.

Nothing has been paid on this accumulated deficit during the past year, and it is yet too early to state whether we have been able to balance our current budget. However, one thing can be definitely said: the deficit will be smaller than for many years. When the audit is made up late this summer, in August when the college fiscal year ends, you may examine the record with this statement in mind.

A third great need of Midland has been the payment of salaries promptly. Not for ten years has this been done. But this year every salary has been paid in full and on the first of the month. Two facts have made this possible—a gift of $4,000 by the citizens of Fremont and $2,000 special contributions by the churches and individuals of the constituent synods. We must be warned, however, that these special gifts have no assurance of perpetuity or even repetition, though similar appeals will be made this fall.

A fourth great need of our school is increased student enrollment. A five per cent increase is normal each year, and such an increase was had this year. But Midland should reach and hold an enrollment of 500.

Our field staff has this goal in view, and we urge our pastors and trustees to exert their best efforts to secure such an attendance. Some of our congregations have never been represented at their church school, and we have evidence that some of our pastors are making no effort to support their colleges. It should not be necessary to make the obvious reminder that, whatever their faults and limitations—and they are very few!—neglecting or crippling them by thoughtless derogation is not loyalty to the church, but the most heartless disloyalty! Recognizing and condemning our church schools' faults with no Christian effort to help correct them is not only disloyalty; it is a form of senseless destructiveness at a time when our churches need a united strength in all our institutions.

A fifth great need of Midland is a strong, well-organized faculty

and administration. Considerable progress has been made in this respect. The conference method of inter-counselling between the president and faculty committees has had wide use this past year. The by-laws of the college have been read and discussed in the monthly faculty meetings and are now thoroughly understood by all members of the personnel.

Roughly speaking, the educational functions are directed by Dean Zimmerman, who holds a Ph. D. from Cornell University; the financial policies are enforced by the Finance Committee headed by Acting Board President Henry Gunderson, a Rhodes Scholar and prominent attorney of Fremont; credit standards are applied by Registrar G. E. Hickman, who occupies a considerable position in school circles; the physical property on the campus is superintended by Mr. F. E. Wood, formerly plant manager for Standard Oil Company; the men students are overseen by Dean Herman Gimmestad, for several years connected with St. Olaf College; the women students are under the oversight of Dean Adda Newsom, secured from North Bend, Nebraska, high school; and public relations are directed by W. Emerson Reck, from Wittenberg college and editor of the national magazine, The Publicity Digest. All of these persons are functioning smoothly and co-operatively.

Over the entire structure is the President. No single item fails to reach his desk. Freed of the details of operation, he has been free to follow this general policy:

First, to contact every civic and educational organization possible, as a function of public relations, thereby keeping the name of Midland College before prospective employers of graduates.

Second, meeting young people's and school groups and acquainting future students with Midland.

Third, appearing before conferences and synods in the financial interests of the school.

Fourth, visiting pastors and congregations and presenting Midland's causes, objectives, and needs.

Fifth, writing articles for The Lutheran and keeping the general church informed of the college's existence and progress.

In pursuit of this policy, your President has, during his six months in office, delivered 120 addresses, written six articles, spoken to 14,000 people, travelled 16,000 miles, conferred with 42 committees of the college, held 81 student interviews, led 12 chapel devotions, preached 25 sermons, delivered five radio talks, dictated 1,200 letters, filled out 62 questionnaires, spent 102 days on the campus and 82 away from the campus on college business. Through it all God has blessed him with good health and given him an abiding love for his work.

A sixth great need of Midland is a deepened spiritual atmosphere. With a large percentage of our students coming from non-Lutheran homes in Fremont and the territory, it is difficult to accomplish that distinctive Lutheran environment to which pastors are accustomed in their home churches. Truth to say, we should not strive to create too strict an ecclesiastical atmosphere of denominationalism and thereby fix a gulf between us and students not of our faith, but it is advisable to inspire reverence.

To this end the chapel has been remodelled. An altar, the gift of the Rev. Alfred Beil, has been installed. Oak panelling covers the entire platform wall, the gift of the Nebraska Women's Missionary society. A large painting, gift of the Rev. Charles Puls, depicting Christ and the Doctors hangs over the altar. We still need a puplit and lecturn and shall appreciate receiving them from some of the brethren. Many have been the sincere expressions of appreciation of the chapel improvements by students, faculty and visitors. One of

our requirements is more copies of the new Parish School Hymnal. Dr. C. H. B. Lewis gave us fifty copies but we need at least 100 more. Hymnal racks are now being installed on each chair in the chapel to protect these books. Contributions from our friends toward the purchase of hymn-books will gratefully be received.

The seventh and final need is the greatest—the prayers of the brethren for the school, that our faith and works fail not. Your prayers are solicited not for the president alone but for our whole family. We pledge you our best. With God's help we can do no more.

Faithfully yours in Christ,

Fred C. Wiegman for the whole College and Seminary.

A motion carried that if there is no majority on the fifth ballot for the place of the next Convention of Synod, the sixth ballot be limited to the two places receiving the highest vote on the fifth ballot. The fifth ballot was taken.

On the fourth ballot for clerical member to the Executive Committee Rev. W. A. Voss received a necessary majority. The President declared Rev. Voss elected.

Dr. W. H. Greever, Secretary of the United Lutheran Church in America, addressed the Convention presenting the work of the whole church and discussing the pamphlet "The United Lutheran Church and Its Constituent Synods."

The session adjourned at 11:35 a. m. Prayer was offered by Dr. C. H. B. Lewis.

RECOGNITION SERVICE

At 11:35 a. m. a "Recognition Service" was held for those pastors in Synod who had been in the ministry for twenty-five years or more. This service was in charge of Historian G. K. Rubrecht.

RECOGNITION SERVICE

Wednesday, 11:35

In accordance with the action of the Executive Committee of Synod the Historian of Synod arranged an impressive Recognition Service honoring those members of Synod who have been in the service of the church for a period of twenty-five years or more. After a presentation of the men and brief statement in regard to the work and activities of each by the Historian, Dr. Rubrecht, the group was addressed as a whole by the Rev. W. A. Voss. Rev. W. A. Klink spoke in appreciation of the work of Rev. C. B. Harman, D. D., who was celebrating the 40th anniversary of his ordination with special services in the congregation which he serves. Those honored and their years in service were:

Rev. P. O. Machetzki, D. D.	25 years
Rev. J. C. Miller	25 years
Rev. C. P. Tranberg	27 years
Rev. W. H. Traub, D. D. LL. D.	27 years
Rev. W. C. Stump	30 years
Rev. G. N. Mendenhall, Ph. D., D. D.	32 years

Rev. W. C. Heidenreich	34 years
Rev. H. F. Martin, Ph. D., D. D.	35 years
Rev. W. T. Kahse, D. D.	35 years
Rev. G. Keller Rubrecht, D. D.	35 years
Rev. C. H. B. Lewis, D. D.	36 years
Rev. C. B. Harman, D. D.	40 years
Rev. P. W. H. Frederick, D. D.	40 years
Rev. W. I. Guss, D. D.	41 years
Rev. O. D. Baltzly, Ph. D., D. D., LL. D.	44 years
Rev. F. S. Delo	46 years
Rev. S. L. Keller	52 years

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON

At 1:30 p. m. a "Memorial Service" was held for the late Dr. G. B. Weaver. The service was in charge of Necrologist G. K. Rubrecht. An appropriate message on the life work of Dr. Weaver was presented by Dr. P. W. H. Frederick.

REPORT OF THE NECROLOGIST

Death has again invaded our ranks and garnered into Life Eternal another of Synod's loyal and devoted servants.

Greeley B. Weaver, D. D. was born in ....., Ohio, on April 25, 1869 and departed this life January 7, 1940. After attending public school he entered Wittenberg College, Springfield, Ohio, and was graduated from that institution in 1895 and from Hamma Divinity School in 1898. His first parish was at North Robinson, Ohio. Other fields served by him in their order were a mission church at Allegheny, Pa.; Vandalia, Ohio; Hope Mission, Chicago, Ill.; a mission in Denver, Colo.; congregations in Hampton, Beatrice and York in this state; then First Church, Omaha, and his last field of labor was at Salem Church, Dakota City. More than half of his ministry was spent in mission work and much of it on the territory of this Synod.

Due to waning health Dr. Weaver retired from the active ministry in July, 1938 and with his wife moved to Marquette, Nebr. where his son is a practicing physician.

Dr. Weaver was married to Mary J. Shank on June 15, 1898. One son, Ralph L. Weaver, M. D. of Marquette, Nebr. and one daughter, Mrs. K. D. Davis, of Kearney, Nebr. were born to this union. Also surviving are one granddaughter, Shirley Lee Weaver, two brothers, Elgar and Harry of Dayton, Ohio, and one sister, Mrs. Nellie Furry of Detroit, Mich.

Dr. Weaver was active in many phases of the work of Synod and the Church at large. For many years he served as Secretary of the Board of Trustees of Midland College and Western Theological Seminary. He was vice-president of Synod for a period of years and served on important committees always with great energy and enthusiasm. His outstanding service to Synod was his help and work in the preparation of the present constitution of Synod to which he gave many hours of his time.

The funeral was in charge of the President of Synod, the Rev. J. C. Hershey, D. D., assisted by Dr. Wm. F. Rangeler, a friend and classmate in college. Dr. C. B. Harman, a close friend and co-laborer in the Nebraska Synod for many years preached the funeral sermon from Is. 52:7.

Interment took place in the Hampton Cemetery. Five fellow

ministers of Synod, Dr. C. H. B. Lewis, the Revs. T. D. Rinde, E. C. Mortensen, M. B. Simon, H. Joens and one prominent layman of Synod, Mr. F. E. Wood, acted as pall-bearers.

Respectfully submitted,
G. Keller Rubrecht

Following the "Memorial Service" the Committee on Reference and Counsel read the order of business for the session.

There was no roll call. The Minutes of the morning session were not read by common consent.

The first ballot for clerical delegates to the United Lutheran Church Convention to be held in Omaha, Nebraska, October, 1940, was taken. The following nominations for clerical delegates had been made by the respective Conferences: North Platte Conference:—Dr. J. C. Hershey, Rev. L. H. de Freese, Rev. E. A. Dorner and Rev. G. E. Moeller. South Platte Conference:—Rev. E. C. Mortensen, Rev. W. H. Saas, Dr. L. H. Lesher and Rev. T. J. C. Schuldt. Western Conference:—Dr. C. B. Harman and Dr. G. K. Rubrecht.

On the sixth ballot for the place of the next Convention of Synod Hooper, Nebraska, received 34 votes. This was a majority vote and the President announced that the 1941 Convention of Synod would be held in Grace Lutheran Church at Hooper, Nebraska, the Rev. W. W. Alexander, pastor.

The Report of the Committee on Ministerial Education was presented by the Rev. H. Dumler. The recommendations were adopted.

MINISTERIAL EDUCATION COMMITTEE REPORT

The Ministerial Education Committee met in St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church, Grand Island, Nebraska to consider the applications for aid for 1940-1941.

1. Harry Mumm, who will be a Senior in Midland College, applied for aid. The Committee voted to allow him $125.00.

2. Paul de Freese, who will be a Junior in Western Seminary, applied for aid and the Committee voted to allow him $100.00.

3. Kenneth de Freese, who will be a Middler in Western Seminary, applied for aid and the Committee voted to allow him $100.00.

4. Milton Moore, who will be a Middler in Western Seminary, applied for aid and the Committee voted to allow him $100.00.

5. Raymond W. Bartels, who will be a Sophomore in Midland College applied for aid and the Committee voted to allow him $100.00.

The total disbursements for the past year were $450.00.

Respectfully submitted,
C. B. Harman, Chairman

The Report of the Synodical Paper Committee was presented by the Rev. A. H. Pinkall. The recommendation was adopted.

COMMITTEE ON SYNODICAL PAPER

Recommend:

That our President of Synod edit a mimeographed copy of Synod news every two months, first edition coming out in July, copies to be sent to pastors for distribution.

A. H. Pinkall

Greetings were read from the Synod of Ohio and the Synod of Maryland.

Dr. W. T. Kahse brought greetings to Synod from the Rev. George Flora, a member of Synod who is serving the church as a missionary in Liberia, Africa.

A motion carried that greetings be sent by our Synod to the Synods of Ohio, Maryland and Central Pennsylvania.

The Report of the Trustees of Midland College was presented by the Rev. A. H. Pinkall.

REPORT OF MIDLAND COLLEGE TRUSTEES

The enrollment of Midland College stands at 291 students; 30 seniors, 33 juniors, 77 sophomores, 137 freshmen and 14 irregulars.

The faculty consists of 23 who are actually teaching in various departments, Dr. F. C. Wiegman's position being administrative.

The girls' dormitory has housed 63 this year, having a capacity of 70. There was an increase of 15 over a year ago.

There are 112 students now eating at the dining hall which is 32 more than a year ago. Reduction was made in the price of meals at the dining hall, now being $4.00 per week.

The 1940 trip of the A Cappella Choir was taken this year in the territory of parts of Iowa, Missouri, Kansas and Nebraska. It was reported as a greater success than any previous one.

Midland College secured a loan of $80,000.00 to take up the old bonds and new pressing obligations. This loan was secured on an amortization basis. Monthly payments of $506.12 have been made at the first of each month. The loan has been reduced $3,600.00 during the past year, the total due now standing at $76,388.91.

The Western Theological Seminary now has 9 students. Two will graduate this spring. Four are juniors and three are middlers. The Seminary has six professors and lecturers. Four give full time to teaching in Seminary and College. Two give special lectures during the year.

We are all so happy over the report of our President, F. C. Wiegman, which was given at Synod. We ask for the prayers of the brethren for our school, that our faith and works fail not. We solicit your prayers, not only for the President but for our whole family at Midland College.

Respectfully submitted,

A. H. Pinkall

MIDLAND COLLEGE

Statement of Receipts and Disbursements
For Fiscal Year Ending August 31, 1939

INCOME:

Tuition and fees	$ 45,053.01

Endowment Investments		3,368.71
Gifts and Grants		17,740.72
Sales and Service		249.38
Other Sources		9,324.26
Total Educational and General Income		$ 75,736.08
Auxiliary Enterprises		30,220.63
Total Income from All Sources		$105,956.71

EXPENSES:

Educational and General	$69,933.39	
Auxiliary Enterprises	28,557.02	
Other Non-Educational Expenses	13,962.07	$112,452.48
Net Operating Loss for Fiscal Year 1938-39		$ 6,495.77

The Report of the Committee on Student Work in non-Lutheran Schools was presented by the Rev. R. E. Rangeler.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON STUDENTS IN NON-LUTHERAN SCHOOLS

Report of activities in three Student Centers have been received by this Committee.

Following visits by Dr. C. P. Harry and Dr. Frederick Schiotz to Omaha, a Lutheran Student Association was formed at the University of Omaha with Pastor Goede acting as Student Advisor. 128 Lutheran Students are registered at this University.

At Wayne State Teachers College the Rev. G. Gieschen is continuing work with students in that School. An active L. S. A. is reported on that campus.

On the State University Campus, the Committee for Lutheran Student Work carries on an intersynodical program with Pastor Rangeler serving as the Lutheran Student Secretary. The report of this work to the officers of Synod was placed in the printed minutes by error. We would call your attention to that report as information.

At Peru, work among Lutheran Students is carried on by the American Lutheran Pastor of Syracuse, Nebr., At other schools our Lutheran Pastors are undoubtedly contacting our Lutheran students, but their work has not come to the attention of this Committee.

Respectfully submitted,
R. E. Rangeler

On the first ballot for clerical delegates to the Convention of the United Lutheran Church in America the following received necessary majorities for election: President J. C. Hershey, Dr. G. K. Rubrecht, Dr. C. B. Harman, Dr. L. H. Lesher and Rev. W. H. Saas.

The first ballot for alternate clerical delegates to the Convention of the United Lutheran Church in America was taken.

The Report of the Committee on Letters and Papers was presented by Dr. L. H. Lesher. Recommendations 1 and 2 were adopted.

COMMITTEE ON LETTERS AND PAPERS

The Committee has studied the material placed in its hands. We find two matters to bring before Synod.

FIRST: A memorial to the Synod from the North Platte Conference, adopted October 31, 1939, which reads

"Be it resolved that the North Platte Conference memorialize Synod that the Constitution of Synod be amended to make the President of Synod, ex officio, a delegate to all conventions of the United Lutheran Church in America."

Your Committee recommends the adoption of such amendment to be appended as an additional sentence to Article IX section 1, C, c and to read as follows "The President of Synod shall by virtue of his office be a delegate to all conventions of the United Lutheran Church in America."

SECONDLY: A request for the local U. L. C. A. Convention Committee regarding radio broadcast programs during the Convention, asks Synod to assist in providing for the expense incident thereto. Your Committee recommends that the Executive Committee of Synod be authorized to allocate not to exceed $75.00 from the General Expense fund of Synod for 1940, toward the expense of this important work.

Respectfully,
L. H. Lesher

The Report of the Committee on President's Report was presented by the Rev. A. H. Pinkall.

COMMITTEE ON PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Your committee has examined the report of our President of Synod. His report reveals that he has been faithful and active during the past year. Reports from the congregations show that the Churches in our Synod have prospered under his leadership.

Our President made no recommendations.

Respectfully submitted,
A. H. Pinkall

The Report of the Committee on Conference Minutes was presented by Mr. R. B. Jenny.

REPORT ON CONFERENCE MINUTES

Your committee on Conference Minutes has examined the minutes of the three Conferences for the year 1939, and has found that the Conferences have complied with the constitution of Synod.

Signed:
R. V. Davis

The Report of the Merger Committee was presented by Secretary T. D. Rinde. Recommendations 1, 2, 3 and 4 were adopted.

REPORT OF MERGER COMMITTEE

The prospects of merging the Synods on this territory into the Midland Synod are substantially the same as they were at the last meeting of Synod. Two meetings of the committee were held since the

last convention. There are still items in the proposed constitution on which the committee could not agree. Nevertheless progress is being made. For the guidance of your committee we request Synod to act on the following recommendations:

1. that Section 5, Article 6 be eliminated in the proposed constitution.
2. that Paragraph 2, Article 3 of the Bylaws in the proposed constitution be eliminated.
   (These matters are not within the jurisdiction of this committee or Synod.)
3. that Section 6 of Article 6 end with the word "Heretofore."
4. that Synod authorize the present Merger Committee to continue conferences with committees of the other Synods on this territory respecting the proposed merger of Synods.

Respectfully submitted,
J. C. Hershey

The Report of the Committee on Claims was presented by the Rev. E. C. Mortensen. The recommendation was adopted.

COMMITTEE ON CLAIMS

Your committee presents the following claims, and recommends that they be paid:

C. H. Berhenke	$16.55
E. F. Rohlfing	1.00
H. Dumler	3.50
C. H. B. Lewis	1.00
W. W. Alexander	1.00
A. H. Pinkall	1.75

Respectfully submitted,
E. C. Mortensen

Greetings were read from the Central Pennsylvania Synod.

On the first ballot for alternate clerical delegates to the Convention of the United Lutheran Church in America the following received necessary majorities for election: Rev. E. C. Mortensen, Rev. G. E. Moeller, Rev. L. H. de Freese and Rev. T. J. C. Schuldt.

A motion carried that if the fifth alternate clerical delegate was not elected on the second ballot, the third ballot be limited to the two receiving the highest vote on the second ballot. The second ballot was taken.

The Report of the Parish Education Committee was presented by the Rev. W. H. Saas. The Recommendations were considered seriatim and adopted.

REPORT OF THE PARISH EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Your committee on Parish Education held a special meeting at Fremont, Nebraska, August 2, 1939, with all members present, for the purpose of outlining the work of the committee for the coming

year. The Rev. S. White Rhyne, D. D., executive secretary of the Parish and Church School Board met with the committee and suggested definite objectives toward which the committee might labor.

The following action was taken by the committee: "That the committee seek to extend the educational work of the congregations by setting up the following goals:

1. Introduction of the Extension (Home) department in schools that do not already have one.
2. Introduction of the senior and intermediate units of the Christian Youth Series in the congregations of Synod.
3. Ten percent increase in the enrollment of the church schools of each congregation.

These goals have been promoted through special letters sent out by various members of the committee to the pastors of Synod at the time best suited for the promotion of each goal.

Due to the resignation of Mrs. Homer Spittgerber from the office of treasurer of the Children of the Church it was necessary for your committee to appoint some one to succeed her. Acting in consultation with the presidents of the Luther League and the Women's Missionary Society the committee appointed to this office Miss Lela Zimmerman of Fremont.

In regard to the Children of the Church we wish to report that it is carrying on its work effectively under the capable leadership of Miss Amanda Jorn of Falls City, its secretary. Three Children's Festivals were held in October; one at Benedict, one at Auburn and one at Omaha, with a combined attendance of about three hundred children and as many more adults. We hope that more of these festivals may be held during the coming year and that more congregations will organize Children of the Church groups.

One member of the committee attended the regional conference of Parish Education committees of the Middle-west, which met in Chicago, Illinois, September, 1939.

We desire to call your attention to the gains made in most departments of the Sunday School as reported by the statistical secretary of Synod and suggest that continued emphasis be given to Christian Education in the Sunday School that these gains may be increased during the coming year.

Your committee repeats these recommendations of last year:

1. That Church Schools plan to have Leadership Training classes in their own churches or to co-operate in approved community schools that a better trained Church School leadership might be developed.

2. That all Church Schools use, as far as possible, the plans for Parish Education Month prepared by the Parish and Church School Board.

3. That each congregation of Synod make an earnest effort to send at least one representative to this year's Midland Assembly with instructions to take a course in Leadership Training for credit.

And your committee further recommends:

1. That in harmony with the report by the Young People's committee, synod authorize the Young People's committee and the Parish Education committee to make a study of and bring in a joint report concerning the unification of the whole Parish Education program for our congregations.

2. That the committee be allowed a sum of Fifty Dollars ($50.00) for expenses incident to its promotional program and also to defray the expenses involved by the attendance of members of the committee at the regional conference of the Parish Education committees in the Middle-west to be held in Chicago, September 11-12.

3. That we adopt the following synodical goals for the coming year:

1. More extensive use of the Children of the Church series and the Christian Youth series in Vacation Bible schools and elsewhere.

2. A ten persent increase in enrollment in the Church Schools of the synod.

Respectfully submitted,
W. H. Saas

On the first ballot for clerical Trustee to the Midland College Board the Rev. A. H. Pinkall received a necessary majority for election. The President declared Rev. Pinkall elected.

Mr. Prestegaard was nominated lay Trustee to the Midland College Board. A motion carried that the nominations be closed, the rules be suspended and the Secretary instructed to cast the ballot of Synod for Mr. Prestegaard as lay Trustee to the Midland College Board. The Secretary cast the ballot for Mr. Prestegaard and the President declared him elected.

The first ballot for lay delegate to the Convention of the United Lutheran Church in America was taken. The following nominations for lay delegates had been made by the respective Conferences: North Platte Conference:—Messrs. Thomas Lipps, Anton Manser, William Kedde and F. E. Wood. South Platte Conference:—Messrs. Gus Prestegaard, Percy Seymour, L. Hopfer and Oscar Bowers. Western Conference:—Messrs. E. T. Tramp and E. W. Augustine.

On the third ballot for the fifth alternate clerical delegate to the Convention of the United Lutheran Church in America Dr. P. W. H. Frederick received a necessary majority for election. President Hershey declared Dr. Frederick elected.

The Rev. Henry J. Ludeman, General Secretary of the Nebraska Council of Churches and Christian Education, Lincoln, Nebraska, was introduced and spoke to the Synod with reference to the work of his agency.

A motion carried that the rules be suspended, so that with reference to the lay delegates to the Convention of the United Lutheran Church in America the five nominees receiving the highest number of votes be declared the regular delegates and the other five the alternate delegates.

On the ballot for lay delegates to the Convention of the United Lutheran Church in America the following received the highest number of votes and were declared the regular delegates: Messrs. E. T. Tramp, F. E. Wood, E. W. Augustine, W. F. Kedde and A. J. Manser.

The following were declared alternate lay delegates: Messrs. G. Prestegaard, P. Seymour, O. Bowers, L. Hopfer and T. Lipps.

The Report of the Committee on Resolutions was presented by the Rev. R. E. Rangeler. The Report was adopted.

REPORT OF THE RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

Be it Resolved:

1. That Synod express its sincere appreciation and thanks to Dr. W. H. Greever, official representative of the United Lutheran Church in America, for his helpful, inspiring messages and for his wise counsel and advice during the sessions of Synod.

2. That we express our appreciation of the presence of Dr. E. E. Stauffer, fraternal delegate from the Synod of Kansas and Adjacent States, and of Rev. Alfred Pannbaker fraternal delegate from the Midwest Synod.

3. That we express our gratitude to Mrs. C. B. Harman, representative of the Missionary Society of the Nebraska Synod, for her hearty greeting from that organization.

4. That we express our wholehearted appreciation to Dr. C. B. Harman, pastor loci, and his good people in St. Paul's Lutheran Church for their splendid hospitality extended to us during this session of Synod, and that we ask that he read this resolution at his next public service in the church.

5. That we as a Synod spend a season in prayer to God, the God of nations, that he uproot the pride, greed, selfishness, and unholy ambitions so prevalent among men and that he incline the hearts of men towards love to one another that they may live together in peace and harmony.

George N. Mendenhall, Chairman

The Report of the Trustees of Tabitha Home was presented by the Rev. R. E. Rangeler. Recommendations 1 and 2 were adopted. The recommendations were adopted as a whole. Rev. Rangeler spoke to this Report giving information on the Appeal being made for Tabitha Home.

1939 REPORT OF TABITHA HOME TRUSTEES

During another year our Heavenly Father has used Tabitha Home as an instrument of serving love in His name. 67 aged and 66 children received care during the year, seven aged passing on during the year.

Rev. Herman Joens has been called to serve at Tabitha Home as Boys Director and Chaplain and took up his duties in March of 1940. Sister Eva Witmeyer is serving as directing Deaconess and is very ably assisted by a splendid staff of workers in all departments.

A special meeting of the Board and Synodical representatives in November of 1939 put in motion the 1940 appeal for $100,000.00 with which to replace the main building. A report from this special committee of our Synod will bring more details of this appeal to this Convention of Synod. This appeal is now going forward with Superintendent Ritzen visiting the Congregations as rapidly as possible. Every indication of success is so far in evidence.

The treasurer's report submitted herewith will bear serious

study by the brethren of Synod. Our income is decreasing, and with the time of our Superintendent being given to the New Building appeal, this decrease will be more noticeable. Tabitha Home is now given over entirely to the care of the constituent Synods, the U. L. C. no longer making an appropriation for Tabitha. Aged folks seeking admission have very little or nothing, and these facts coupled with drought conditions in this part of the country have resulted in a deficit in our operating budget. Expenses have been cut to the minimum, but still we must call the attention of Synod to this condition and plead for continued and increased regular support for Tabitha Home.

Recommendations

1. We recommend that our Pastors and delegates carry to the Congregations the financial need of Tabitha Home.
2. We recommend that Sunday, June 18th, the date of Tabitha Home Visitors Day, be designated as a day of special intercession on behalf of Tabitha Home.

Respectfully submitted,
R. E. Rangeler

TABITHA HOME—FINANCIAL REPORT

January 1, 1939 to December 31, 1939

Receipts

Aged Department	$ 6,746.87
Children's Department	1,552.62
District Synods Apportionment	3,323.38
Gifts	8,169.74
Bequests	1,195.60
United Lutheran Church	990.00
Lincoln Community Chest	2,730.82
Miscellaneous Receipts and Refunds	287.24
Interest Received	338.98
Building Fund	207.93
	$25,543.28
Borrowed from Building Fund	3,000.00
Balance Jan. 1, 1939	1,325.09
Total Monies	$29,868.37
Disbursements	29,863.20
Balance, Dec. 31, 1939	$ 5.17

Disbursements

Automobile Expenses	$ 516.09
Clothing	124.33
Food	6,675.63
Fuel	2,022.14
Freight, Express and Postage	119.50
Funeral Expenses	147.00
Hospital, Medical, Drugs	952.63
House Supplies	936.98
Interest	394.00
Insurance	655.87
Laundry	1,515.71
Light, Power and Gas	1,112.53
Miscellaneous Expenses	436.09
Printing	525.32
Repairs	1,986.77
Salaries	10,476.21
Taxes	153.24

Telephones	168.76
Travel: Supt. Board	240.34
Water	355.95
Yard Improvement	84.78
Aged Allowance and Insurance	55.40
Building Fund	207.93
Disbursements	$29,863.20

Receipts from Synods

Nebraska Synod Apportionment	$ 1,675.75
Gifts	962.69
Total	$ 2,638.44
Midwest Synod Apportionment	$ 613.87
Gifts	1,759.77
Total	$ 2,473.64
Synod of Kansas and Adjacent States Apportionment	$ 331.29
Gifts	1,754.22
Total	$ 2,085.51
Synod of Iowa Apportionment	$ 378.00
Gifts	527.16
Total	$ 905.16
Rocky Mountain Synod Apportionment	$ 171.10
Gifts	299.06
Total	$ 470.16
Northwest Synod Apportionment	$ 153.37
Wartburg Synod Gifts	$ 334.12
Texas Synod Gifts	311.72
Owe to Building Fund from	
1938	$ 4,500.00
1939	3,000.00
Total Debit	$7,500.00

Respectfully submitted,
E. Thomas, Treasurer

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON 1940 APPEAL OF TABITHA HOME

Your Committee met at Tabitha Home the last of November, 1939, together with similar committees from the six supporting Synods. A careful inspection was made of the entire property and the condition of the Main Building was discussed at length. It was the unanimous opinion that something must be done at the earliest possible date to replace this old building.

Superintendent Ritzen and the Board of Trustees presented their plans for a new building and the program for financing it. It was agreed that $100,000 was the amount necessary for a suitable and yet economical and efficient plant. It was further agreed that no "high pressure" methods of finance would be tolerated. Each congregation was to be offered their choice of making personal solicitation of their membership or of allowing the representatives of Tabitha Home to make such calls at some indicated time. There is to be no assessment of congregations or Synods—but the total amount

shall be divided among the six Synods upon the basis of confirmed membership. This procedure will serve as a guide for both the Synod and the congregations in gauging their efforts. The Synod of Nebraska should supply a total of $25,900.00 from its several congregations or about $1.33 per confirmed member. Your Committee has notified each pastor of this suggested quota, so that both the general appeal and the suggested amounts would be officially endorsed.

Respectfully,
Leland H. Lesher

The Report of the Committee on Leave of Absence was presented by the Rev. M. B. Simon. The recommendation was adopted.

REPORT OF LEAVE OF ABSENCE COMMITTEE

The following brethren have not been in attendance at any of the sessions of Synod but have sent valid excuses: the Reverends O. D. Baltzly, W. I. Guss, G. P. Krebs, G. E. Mortensen, C. P. Tranberg and the following Lay-Delegates, R. A. Quelle, Oshkosh, and Wm. Rohlfing, Lewellen.

The Reverend M. B. Simon and Lay-Delegate Fred Peterson, Vacoma, ask to be excused from the Tuesday morning session. Rev. R. V. Davis asks to be excused from the Wednesday afternoon session and Lay-Delegate John Wollmer, Hooper, asks to be excused from the Tuesday afternoon and Wednesday sessions. Rev. C. H. Kemper, Rev. W. T. Kahse and Rev. John S. Rhyne asked to be excused from the Wednesday afternoon sessions.

Respectfully submitted,
John S. Rhine

A motion carried that all unfinished business be referred to the Executive Committee.

A motion carried that the final roll call be cancelled.

The President, Dr. J. C. Hershey, having been elected for a term of three years, was inducted into office by Dr. C. B. Harman.

President Hershey then installed the following officers for the Synodical Year 1940-1941:

Vice-President.....Dr. C. B. Harman
Secretary.....Rev. T. D. Rinde
Statistician.....Rev. W. H. Saas
Historian.....Dr. G. K. Rubrecht

The 1940 Convention of Synod adjourned, the President using the Formal Order for the Closing of Synods.

These Minutes are certified to be the correct record of the proceedings of the 68th Annual Convention of The Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Nebraska, convening May 20-22, 1940, in St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Grand Island, Nebraska, the Rev. C. B. Harman, D. D., pastor.

J. C. Hershey, President
Thomas D. Rinde, Secretary.

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Index Number	Parish	Congregation	When Organized	Pastor	Congregations	PAROCHIAL																														Students			
						Membership					Accessions					Losses						Church Schools																	
											Child		Adult			Child		Adult				Sunday					Weekday												
						Baptized	Confirmed	Communing	Contributing	Non-Member Adherents	Baptism	Otherwise	Baptism	Confirmation	Certificate	Otherwise	Death	Otherwise	Death	Certificate	Otherwise	Official Church Papers*	Number	Officers and Teachers	Scholars	Home Dep't.	Cradle Roll	Number Teachers	Scholars	Catechumens	Ministry	Diaconate	In Lutheran Institutions	In Non-Lutheran Institutions				
	North Platte Conference																																						
1	Allen	First	1912	Cress, F. L.	1	289	234	140	150	50	17	9	6	13	2		1	1	2	7	10	3	1	18	140	25	21	1	3	30			1	2					
2	Columbus	United	1930	Dorner, E. A.	1	177	123	87	68	14	2	5		5	8				1	3		7	1	8	46			1	4	30	8				1					
3	Dakota City	Salem	1872	Saathoff, G. A.	1	289	206	103	78	50	9		1	9	3				2	5		12	1	18	93		15				15				4				
4	Dakota City	Emmanuel	1858	Vacant	1	25	23	8		32								1		1	6	2													1				
5	Emerson	St. Luke's	1911	Krebs, George	1	677	403	200	165	45	9	28	13	23	2	5			1	1	6	17	1	21	144			1	11	100					3				
6	Fremont	Salem	1902	Vacant	1	903	677	458	400	75	9		1	12	26				4				1	45	350	20	29	1	15	151	12	6	1	15					
7	Homer	St. Paul's	1886	Frederick, S.	1	300	260	141	100	25	6		3	8					3	1		1	1	14	119		30	1	10	62	28				4				
8	Hooper	Grace	1915	Alexander, W. W.	1	405	298	223	183	28	4	20		11	5	22	1		3			3	1	26	91		18	1	6	54			1	2					
9	Hubbard	Trinity	1905	Frederick, S.	1	171	134	75	40	16	13		9	7						4			1	5	40			1	5	21	30								
10	Leigh	St. John's	1918	Gieschen, G.	1	375	227	161	164	23	10	7	1	9	2	7		5	1	8	13	2	1	14	95		32	1	5	38	23		1	1					
11	Omaha	First	1907	Berhenke, C. H.	1	794	504	332	260	100	14	18	5	18	15	10		15	2	5	5	6	1	32	240		50	1	14	110	30	2	2	1					
12	Omaha	Grace	1889	Goede, H. J.	1	669	348	296	180	16	16	11	3	18	14			2	3	2		1		18	148		18				11			3					
13	Omaha	Kountze Mem.	1858	Traub, W. H.	1	6638	4906	2245	2220		89	71	57	159	58	37	2	75	41	67	58		4	140	1289		250				250	1	4	75					
14	Omaha	Luther Mem.	1936	Moeller, G. E.	1	78	56	54	40	20	3	3		3	6	9		2			2	3	1	7	26						5			1					
15	Omaha	Redeemer	1917	Voss, W. A.	1	1117	790	512	492	210	22	28	11	12	24	21		5	2	12		3	1	36	432		24	1	13	84	27			11					
16	Omaha	St. Luke's	1905	Pinkall, A. H.	1	1022	711	541	485	4	48	14	6	27	22	14		11	3	9		14	1	40	355		55	1	14	110				5					
17	Omaha	St. Mark's	1886	Stump, W. C.	1	426	243	130	85		13		1	13	1	2	2	2	3	3	35	5	1	27	150		5	1	9	57	23			6					
18	Ponca	Salem	1866	Livers, W. S.	1	482	356	199		62	10	2	1	8	4			5	2	3	2	3	1	27	133		27	1	8	62	26		1	4					
19	Scribner	United	1935	Alexander, C. M. N.	1	328	206	201	102	14	7			10		11			2	2		6	1	14	110						10								
20	Snyder	Immanuel	1899	Alexander, C. M. N.	1	105	78	70	40	12	1			7									1	3	23						15		2	7					
21	South Sioux City	First	1920	de Freese, L. H.	1	695	389	235	154	60	20	12	3	20	16	11		6	2	3			1	24	217		42	1	10	110	52	1	5	4					
22	Tekamah	Emmanuel	1858	Vacant	1	203	100	55	60		2		1	4	1				1	1		5	1	12	50		21												
23	Vacoma	St. John's	1893	Alexander, W. W.	1	92	67	63	17	15	5				1				1				1	3	40			1	2	20									
24	Wayne	St. Paul's	1881	Vacant	1	592	420	223	103	8	9	1	2	12	2		1		1	7			1	16	92		19				12								
25	West Point	Grace	1874	Klink, W. A.	1	519	334	304	282	65	13	10		15		16	3	10	13	7	51	15	1	21	273		61												
		Total			25	17371	12113	7056	5868	944	351	239	124	423	212	165	10	140	93	151	188	107	27	589	4696	45	717	15	129	1039	573	10	1	30	135					
	South Platte Conference																																						
1	Auburn	St. Paul's	1884	Henkel, F. W.	1	478	308	223	120	26	22	13	4	25	16		1		1	1		4	1	27	193	10	20	1	10	75	40			3					
2	Beatrice	Trinity	1883	Saas, W. H.	1	271	200	111	65	39	3	4			2							5	1	24	79			1	2	23	8			2					
3	Benedict	Zion	1881	Mortensen, E. C.	1	303	218	118			3		4	6	7				1	5		2	1	23	77	3	10				9			4					
4	Davenport	Christ's	1892	Dumler, H.	1	547	314	229		14	10	4	2	9	3		1	4	3	4		2	1	36	220						20			6					
5	Eagle	Trinity	1893	Rangeler, R. E.	1	83	69	52	39	12	2		5	13					1	1			1	12	48						18			3					
6	Falls City	St. Paul's	1913	Cordts, H. C.	1	801	583	551			18		2	25					2	3			1	24	318			1		68	15		3	15					
7	Hampton	Emmanuel	1916	Joens, H.	1	135	99	80	40	8	5		1	4	5			1		5			1	8	60						6			4					
8	Hardy	St. Paul's	1881	Delo, F. S. (Supply)	1	184	120	81	60	50	2	6		8	2	7		42	3	8	6		1	8	97		10	1	4	25				7					
9	Lincoln	St. James'	1925	Rangeler, R. E.	1	120	114	73	54	18			2	10	3					4		6	1	16	95						14			4					
10	Lincoln	Grace	1890	Lesher, L. H.	1	802	666	408	386	150	17	6	2	7	14	12		2	2	6	6	50	1	39	274		20	1	8	70	70		1	18					
11	McCool Junction	First	1900	Simon, M. B.	1	238	158	68	50	8	4		2										1	8	50		14				12								
12	Nebraska City	First	1866	Schuldt, T. J. C.	1	357	233	135		38	15	10	4	9	3	8			3	3		10	1	18	97		18	1	8	50			2	7					
13	Rising City	First	1881	Baird, H. V.	1	330	232	178	175	20	9		1	5				2	1	16		7	1	17	181		26				25			2					
14	Stella	Trinity	1884	Miller, J. C.	1	61	43	23		8	3		2									1	1	6	31						2			6					
15	Verdon	St. Mark's	1883	Miller, J. C.	1	268	197	137		12	5			6	4					4		4	1	14	136			1	4	18			1	3					
16	Walton	Grace	1916	Rangeler, R. E.	1	162	133	84	60	15			2	2						2			1	10	45						4			4					
17	Wilber	First	1889	Vacant	1	255	125	75	50	100	13			7									1	15	140		15				4								
18	York	First	1927	Simon, M. B.	1	272	182	89	45	40	8			4	1					1		2	1	12	50		12												
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	Western Conference																																						
1	Broadwater	United	1934	Rohlfing, E. H.	1	207	143	104	93	50	12	1	8	2	5				3			3	1	11	104		6	2	9	101	12		1	2					
2	Dalton	Trinity	1930	Rhine, J. S.	1	151	111	105	50	10	1											1	1	8	46		8	1	3	23	8								
3	Ericson	First	1898	Haugse, E. N.	1	43	26	15	20	10	4	1				2						1									77		1	13					
4	Grand Island	St. Paul's	1882	Harman, C. B.	1	2050	1349	835	900	300	39	8	22	47	10	12		12	10	9	15	9	1	60	390						16								
5	Gurley	Grace	1916	Rhine, J. S.	1	190	125	109	55	37	7	9		10		3	1			2		1	1	15	100		24	1	3	24	10			3					
6	Hildreth	St. Paul's	1927	Kemper, C. H.	1	227	191	106	115	21	7		4	5	2	5						1	1	11	65		6												
7	Lewellen	Grace	1906	Heidenreich, W. C.	1	195	100	59	20	10	1										20	1	1	13	90			1						2	12				
8	North Platte	First	1880	Rubrecht, G. K.	1	1140	860	496	360	100	29	10	5	16	16	3	1	20	12	6	16	10	1	33	267			1	8	128									
9	Oshkosh	St. Mark's	1906	Heidenreich, W. C.	1	268	162	50	30	10									1	1		1	1	12	75						16								
10	Paxton	Trinity	1902	Davis, R. V.	1	368	262	165	138	22	10		3	16	10							2	1	17	135		17												
11	Potter	First	1892	Kahse, W. T.	1	94	45	24	22	10	1						1		2			4	1	4	20						7								
12	Sidney	Trinity	1886	Kahse, W. T.	1	346	166	141	83	38	14		2	11	4	1			1	1	1	10	8	1	13	105	5					18								
13	Spencer	United	1930	Mendenhall, A. L.	1	259	140	78	87	46	5		5						1				1	9	64			1	4	36	12								
14	Stamford	Trinity	1888	Henriksen, H.	1	217	173	120	85	38	7			13	1	2		2		5		17	1	12	101		3				18								
15	Sutherland	Grace	1902	Davis, R. V. (Supply)	1	73	40	10	25	6	1									2			1	2	12														
16	Wolbach	Trinity	1903	Haugse, E. N.	1	370	272	117	40	20	16		3	7	3	2			4	2		1	1	8	80			1	4	35	11								
		Total			16	6198	4165	2534	2123	728	161	29	52	127	51	30	3	34	34	28	61	60	15	227	1634	5	64	6	31	317										
		Synodical Total			59	29236	20272	12305	9135	2230	1209	311	209	690	323	222	15	225	147	242	261	260	60	1131	8521	63	926	28	196	1685										